

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1), relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Program;
3 to provide relative to initial eligibility requirements for the program; to revise the
4 initial age requirements; to require reporting; to provide for effectiveness; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3047.2. Initial eligibility

9 A. To be initially eligible for the award, an applicant shall meet the
10 following requirements:

11 (1)(a) Meet the following minimum age requirements:

12 (a) (i) Be at least twenty years old in the 2024-2025 award year.

13 (b) (ii) Be at least nineteen years old in the 2025-2026 award year.

14 (c) (iii) Be at least ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years old in the 2026-2027 ~~award~~
15 ~~year.~~ and 2027-2028 award years.

16 (d) (iv) Be at least ~~seventeen~~ eighteen years old in the ~~2027-2028~~ 2028-2029
17 ~~award year and thereafter.~~

18 (v) Be at least seventeen years old in the 2029-2030 award year and
19 thereafter.

20 (b) A recipient who is initially eligible pursuant to Item (a)(i) or (a)(ii) of this
21 Paragraph shall continue to be eligible, so long as the recipient meets all other
22 requirements of R.S. 17:3047.3.

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24 Section 2. The administering agency of the M.J. Foster Promise Program shall
25 submit a report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on

1 Education no later than January 1, 2028, that includes but need not be limited to the
2 following information relative to the program since its enactment:

- 3 (1) The number of award applicants and recipients.
- 4 (2) The average age of recipients.
- 5 (3) The fiscal impact of the minimum age requirements.
- 6 (4) Any projected cost savings or reallocations within the program.
- 7 (5) Recommendations relative to whether minimum age requirements should be
8 continued, modified, or allowed to expire.

9 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____