

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHANEY AND DOWNS AND SENATORS NEVERS AND
THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(e)(viii) and (x), relative to academic standards
3 for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award; to provide relative to the high
4 school core curriculum requirements for certain students to be eligible for an
5 Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award; to provide applicability; to provide
6 effectiveness; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(e)(viii) and (x) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

11 A.(1) As part of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, the
12 state shall financially assist any student who enrolls on a full-time basis in a public
13 college or university in this state or a regionally accredited independent college or
14 university in the state that is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent
15 Colleges or Universities, hereafter in this Chapter referred to collectively as "eligible
16 colleges or universities", to pursue an academic undergraduate degree or, as provided
17 by this Subsection, skill or occupational training as defined by the Board of Regents,
18 including a vocational or technical education certificate or diploma program or a
19 nonacademic undergraduate degree, and who meets the qualifications of
20 Subparagraph (b), (c), or (d) of this Paragraph and all of the applicable following
21 qualifications:

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(e) Except as otherwise provided by this Section and through the 2006-2007 school year, has successfully completed at least sixteen and one-half units of high school course work, which constitutes a core curriculum, and meets standards for admission to the desired college or university. Except as otherwise provided by this Section and beginning with the 2007-2008 school year through the 2012-2013 school year, meets standards for admission to the desired college or university and has successfully completed at least seventeen and one-half units of high school course work as permitted by this Subparagraph, which constitutes a core curriculum. Except as otherwise provided by this Section and beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, meets the standards for admissions to the desired college or university and has successfully completed at least nineteen units of high school course work as permitted by this Subparagraph, which constitutes a core curriculum. For students qualifying under Subparagraph (A)(1)(c) of this Section, the core curriculum requirements of this Subparagraph shall become effective beginning with the high school graduating class of the year 1998, except that the core curriculum requirement for a Performance Award shall be waived for any student graduating during the 1997-1998 school year who is certified as having graduated within the top five percent of his graduating class at a Louisiana public high school or nonpublic high school which is approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Except as otherwise provided by this Section, the core curriculum shall be defined as follows:

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(viii) World History, Western Civilization, or World Geography (one unit through the 2012-2013 school year); ~~two units beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter)~~ World History, Western Civilization, World Geography, or History of Religion (two units beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter).

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(x) Fine Arts Survey (one unit; or through the 2012-2013 school year substitute two units of performance courses in music, dance, or theater; or substitute

two units of visual art courses; or substitute two units of studio art courses; or substitute one unit as an elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum); beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, Fine Arts Survey (one unit or substitute one unit of a performance course in music, dance, or theater; or substitute one unit of a visual art course; or substitute one unit of a studio art course).

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____