

Regular Session, 2013
HOUSE BILL NO. 243

ACT No. 140

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

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(P)(1)(a) and (V)(1)(a), relative to the Taylor
3 Opportunity Program for Students; to provide for the eligibility of certain students
4 graduating from certain high schools outside of Louisiana or the United States to
5 receive program awards; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(P)(1)(a) and (V)(1)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

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

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12 P.(1) Notwithstanding any initial student eligibility requirement of this
13 Chapter to the contrary, a student shall be eligible to receive a TOPS-Tech Award
14 pursuant to this Section provided each of the applicable following conditions are
15 met:

16 (a) The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have met
17 one of the following criteria:

18 (i) The student graduated during the 1996-1997 or the 1997-1998 school year
19 or thereafter from an out-of-state high school which has been approved by the
20 appropriate state educational agency in the state in which the school is located;

21 (ii) The student graduated from an out-of-state high school which is
22 accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and ~~Schools' Commission on~~
23 ~~Secondary and Middle~~ Schools and meets the standards adopted by the State Board

1 of Elementary and Secondary Education for approval of nonpublic schools in
2 Louisiana; ~~or, for students certified to have,~~

3 (iii) The student graduated during the 2002-2003 school year or thereafter
4 from an out-of-state high school that is accredited by a regional accrediting
5 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education and meets the
6 standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for
7 approval of nonpublic schools in Louisiana; ~~or .~~

8 (iv) The student graduated from a high school which has been approved by
9 the United States Department of Defense.

10 (v) The student graduated during the 2009-2010 school year or thereafter
11 with an International Baccalaureate Diploma from an out-of-state high school
12 approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization to issue such a diploma.

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14 V.(1) Notwithstanding any initial student eligibility requirement of this
15 Chapter to the contrary, a student shall be eligible to receive a TOPS-Tech Award
16 pursuant to this Section provided each of the following conditions are met:

17 (a) ~~The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have~~
18 meets one of the following criteria:

19 (i) The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have
20 graduated during the 2000-2001 school year or thereafter from a high school located
21 outside of the United States and its territories which meets the standards adopted by
22 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for approval of nonpublic
23 schools in Louisiana and which is accredited by an accrediting organization
24 recognized by the United States Department of Education; ~~or, in the alternative;~~

25 (ii) The student has been certified by a parent or court-ordered custodian to
26 have successfully completed at the twelfth grade level a home study program
27 approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted
28 outside the United States and its territories.

29 (iii) The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have
30 graduated during the 2009-2010 school year or thereafter with an International

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1 Baccalaureate Diploma from a high school located outside of the United States and
 2 its territories and approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization to issue
 3 such a diploma.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____