
DIGEST

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HB No. 260

Abstract: Lowers the minimum ACT score required for initial TOPS-Tech Award eligibility from 17 to 16.

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) as a program of merit scholarships for students attending certain postsecondary education institutions who meet specific grade point average, ACT score, and core curriculum requirements and certain other qualifications. Provides for the TOPS-Tech Award for students who enroll in certain colleges or universities to pursue skill or occupational training, including vocational or technical education certificates or diploma programs or nonacademic undergraduate degrees. For initial eligibility for the TOPS-Tech Award, a student must have a composite ACT score (or equivalent SAT score) of at least 17 or attain a silver level score on the assessments of the ACT WorkKeys system.

Proposed law lowers the minimum ACT score (or equivalent SAT score) required for initial TOPS-Tech Award eligibility from 17 to 16 and otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3048.1(B)(2)(intro. para.) and (a))