

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

3 "B.

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5 (2) As part of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for
6 Students, for students graduating from high school through the 1999-2000
7 school year the state shall award an amount determined by the administering
8 agency to equal the actual cost of tuition of any student who enrolls on a full-
9 time basis in a Louisiana public postsecondary institution to pursue skill or
10 occupational training, including a vocational or technical education
11 certificate or diploma program or a nonacademic undergraduate degree, and
12 who meets the following qualifications and all other applicable qualifications
13 of this Chapter and for students graduating from high school during the 2000-
14 2001 school year and thereafter the state shall award an amount determined
15 by the administering agency in accordance with the provisions of
16 Subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph for any student who enrolls on a full-time
17 basis in an eligible college or university as defined in Subsection A of this
18 Section to pursue skill or occupational training as defined by the Board of
19 Regents, including a vocational or technical education certificate or diploma
20 program or a nonacademic undergraduate degree, and who meets the
21 following qualifications and all other applicable qualifications of this
22 Chapter:

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24 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, has successfully
25 completed a core curriculum, and meets standards for admission to the
26 desired eligible college or university. The core curriculum specified in
27 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be effective only for high school
28 graduates through the 2001-2002 school year; thereafter, a student shall meet
29 the core curriculum requirements as specified in this Subparagraph. Except
30 as otherwise provided by this Section, a student may qualify for a TOPS-
31 Tech Award by meeting the core curriculum requirements of Subparagraph
32 (A)(1)(e) or (f) of this Section or the core curriculum defined as follows:

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34 C.

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36 (2) Except as otherwise provided by this Paragraph, the administering
37 agency by rule shall provide for:

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39 (e) Guidelines and procedures by which the administering agency,
40 subject to prior approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
41 Education, may update the course name and establish course equivalencies
42 for any course included in the definition of core curriculum provided by this
43 Section, **including necessary changes to course names and equivalencies**
44 **for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses as**
45 **prescribed by the College Board or the International Baccalaureate**
46 **Foundation**. The guidelines and procedures shall include but not be limited
47 to a requirement that any change in a course name and the establishment of
48 any course equivalency be done by rule adopted by the administering agency
49 and a requirement that prior to issuing a notice of intent to consider any such
50 rule the administering agency shall consult with and seek the written
51 comments and recommendations of the Board of Regents on making the
52 name change or establishing the course equivalency.

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