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**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Nevers to Engrossed House Bill No. 462 by Representative Cox

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Nevers and adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2015, on page 1, line 2, between "insert"" and "5026(A)" insert "5022,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, between "programs;" and "to" insert "to provide relative to citizenship requirements for receipt of awards from the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 proposed by Senator Nevers and adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2015, on page 3, line 24, delete the quotation marks "" and on line 25, add the following:

Section 7. R.S. 17:5022 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§5022. Citizenship requirements

A. Except as otherwise provided by this Section, to be eligible for an award pursuant to this Chapter, a student shall be a citizen of the United States.

B. The following students shall be deemed to satisfy the citizenship requirement of this Section:

(1) A student who is not a citizen of the United States but who is eligible to apply for such citizenship, if within sixty days after the date the student attains the age of majority, the student applies to become a citizen of the United States and obtains such citizenship within one year after the date of application.

(2)(a) A student graduating from high school who is not a citizen of the United States but who is the child of a non-United States citizen who is either serving in a branch of the United States armed forces or has been honorably discharged from a branch of the United States armed forces.

(b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to a student who graduates from high school prior to the 2018-2019 school year.

(3) A student who graduates from high school during the 2002-2003 school year or thereafter, who is not a citizen of the United States but who is a permanent resident as defined by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, and who is eligible to apply for United States citizenship.

C. An award under this Chapter shall be reinstated for any student who was determined eligible prior to the 2002-2003 school year, and such award was subsequently canceled due solely to that student's failure to become a United States citizen within one year after the date of the application, provided the student is a permanent resident, as defined by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, and is eligible to apply for United States citizenship or is now a United States citizen.

D. This Section is not applicable to a student who graduated from high school prior to the 1999-2000 school year.'

Section 8. References to R.S. 17:5022 in this Act refer to this Section as enacted in the Act that originated as House Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.

1 Section 9.(A) Section 1 of that Act that originated as House Bill No. 181 of  
2 this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature and Section 7 of this Act are  
3 intended to achieve the same purpose but are drafted differently. Section 1  
4 of that Act that originated as House Bill No. 181 of this 2015 Regular  
5 Session of the Legislature amends provisions of law as they are presently.  
6 Section 7 of this Act amends provisions of law as they will be if House Bill  
7 No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes law. Only  
8 one of the two Sections shall be given effect as specifically provided in  
9 Section 10 of this Act.

10 (B) Regarding any conflict between the provisions of R.S. 17:5022  
11 as enacted by this Act and the provisions of the Act that originated as House  
12 Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, the provisions  
13 this Act shall supercede and control regardless of the order of passage.

14 Section 10.(A) If House Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the  
15 Legislature becomes law, the provisions of Section 1 of the Act that  
16 originated as House Bill No. 181 of this 2015 Regular Session of the  
17 Legislature shall not become effective.

18 (B) If House Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the  
19 Legislature does not become law, the provisions of Section 7 of this Act shall  
20 not become effective."