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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Broadwater to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 48 by Senator Donahue

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, between "17:3048.1(Z)," and "relative" insert "5002(A), (B), and (D), and
3 5024(B)(1)(a),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 3, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

6 "Section 2. R.S. 17:5002(A), (B), and (D) and 5024(B)(1)(a) are hereby
7 enacted to read as follows:

8 §5002. Awards and amounts

9 A.(1) A student shall be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, Honors,
10 or TOPS-Tech Award based on his academic achievement.

11 (2) The award amount as provided for in Subsection B or D of this Section
12 at any given institution shall be equal to the award amount paid for a student at that
13 institution during the 2015-2016 academic year unless the legislature, by law,
14 increases the award amount.

15 B. Any student who is eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors
16 Award pursuant to this Chapter and who has enrolled:

17 (1) In any public college or university in this state, shall be awarded by the
18 state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition charged
19 by the public college or university during the 2015-2016 academic year.

20 (2) At any regionally accredited independent college or university in the state
21 which is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and
22 Universities to pursue an academic undergraduate degree, shall be awarded by the
23 state an amount to be determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted
24 average of amounts paid under this Section for students attending public colleges and
25 universities that offer academic undergraduate degrees at the baccalaureate level
26 during the 2015-2016 academic year.

27 (3) In a school that has a valid and current certificate of registration issued
28 by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology in accordance with law and that is
29 accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States
30 Department of Education or in any proprietary school that has a valid and current
31 license issued by the Board of Regents in accordance with law and that is accredited
32 by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
33 Education, shall be awarded by the state an amount determined by the administering
34 agency to equal the weighted average of amounts paid under this Section for students
35 attending public colleges and universities during the 2015-2016 academic year and
36 who are enrolled in the permitted skill or occupational training, as may be applicable.

37 (4) In an out-of-state college or university that is specifically designed to
38 accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students under R.S. 17:5027(C), shall be
39 awarded an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted
40 average of amounts paid under this Section for students attending Louisiana public
41 colleges and universities that offer academic undergraduate degrees during the 2015-
42 2016 academic year.

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1 D.(1) Any student who is eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant to this
2 Chapter and who is enrolled in an eligible public college or university that does not
3 offer an academic undergraduate degree at the baccalaureate level shall be awarded
4 by the state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition
5 charged by the college or university during the 2015-2016 academic year.

6 (2) Any student who is eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant to this
7 Chapter and who is enrolled in an eligible college or university other than as
8 provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be awarded by the state an
9 amount determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted average of
10 amounts paid to students attending an eligible public college or university that does
11 not offer an academic undergraduate degree at the baccalaureate level during the
12 2015-2016 academic year.

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14 §5024. Academic requirements

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16 B.(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection, a student shall earn
17 the following minimum test scores for the respective awards:

18 (a) For an Opportunity Award, a composite score on the 1990 version of the
19 ACT which is at least equal to or higher than the state's average composite score,
20 truncated to a whole number, reported for the prior year but never less than twenty
21 or an equivalent concordant value on an enhanced or revised version of such test or
22 on the SAT.

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24 Section 3. References to R.S. 17:5002 and 5024 in this Act refer to those
25 Sections as enacted in the Act that originated as House Bill No. 705 of this 2015
26 Regular Session of the Legislature.

27 Section 4.(A) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are intended to achieve the same
28 purpose but are drafted differently. Section 1 amends provisions of law as they are
29 presently. Section 2 amends provisions of law as they will be if House Bill No. 705
30 of this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes law. Only one of the two
31 Sections shall be given effect as specifically provided in Section 5 of this Act.

32 (B) Regarding any conflict between the provisions of this Act and the
33 provisions of the Act that originated as House Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular
34 Session of the Legislature, the provisions this Act shall supercede and control
35 regardless of the order of passage.

36 Section 5.(A) If House Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the
37 Legislature becomes law, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall not become
38 effective.

39 (B) If House Bill No. 705 of this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature
40 does not become law, the provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall not become
41 effective."

42 AMENDMENT NO. 3

43 On page 3, at the beginning of line 26, change "Section 2." to "Section 6."