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Present law provides relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) as a program of merit scholarships for students attending certain postsecondary education institutions and who meet specific grade point average (GPA), ACT score, and core curriculum requirements and certain other qualifications.

Present law provides that the state's average composite ACT score be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Proposed law provides instead that the state's average composite ACT score be truncated to the nearest whole number.

Proposed law increases the minium ACT test score required for initial eligibility for an Opportunity Award for students graduating from high school during or after the 2019-2020 school year from a 20 to a 21.

Present law provides for exceptions to the eligibility requirements. Proposed law retains these exceptions, but recodifies them into a new provision of law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:5024(B)(1)(a); adds R.S. 17:5024.1; repeals R.S. 17:5024(A)(2) and (3)(b), (B)(2), and (C))