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Abstract: Prohibits requiring high school students to complete certain financial aid forms and TOPS applications as a condition for high school graduation or for any other purpose.

<u>Present law</u> requires students to develop individual graduation plans beginning in the eighth grade. Provides that the plan shall include the recommended sequence of courses for successful completion of a standard diploma and shall be reviewed annually and updated or revised as needed. Requires that the plan be signed by the student, the student's parent, and the school counselor.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits requiring a student to complete any application for federal student aid, the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, or any other financial assistance program as part of his individual graduation plan, as a requirement for graduation, or for any other purpose. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 17:2925(C))