

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a program of merit scholarships for students attending certain postsecondary education institutions who meet specific academic criteria and other requirements, one of which is that a student be a U.S. citizen; however, provides for exceptions by deeming that the following students who are not U.S. citizens satisfy the citizenship requirement:

- (1) Those who are eligible to apply for citizenship, do so within 60 days of turning 18, and obtain it within one year of the application date.
- (2) Permanent residents (as defined by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) who are eligible to apply for citizenship.

New law adds that the following non-citizen students also satisfy the existing law citizenship requirement: students who have a non-citizen parent who is serving or has been honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces. Applicable to students who graduate from high school in the 2018-19 school year and thereafter.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 19, 2015). See §§7-10 of Act No. 403, which provide that, effective Aug. 1, 2015, the substance of the provisions of new law as provided in R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(a)(iii)(gg) shall cease to be effective and shall become effective as provided in R.S. 17:5022.

(Adds R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(a)(iii)(gg))