KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

TOPS. Increases the minimum GPA required for the Performance and Honors Awards. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Clarifies when the increased GPA requirement is applied.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present law provides for academic requirements for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards. Provides for a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) and ACT score for each award type. Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law provides that for an Opportunity Award, a minimum GPA of 2.50 is required. Provides that for a Performance Award and an Honors Award, a minimum GPA of 3.00 is required.

Proposed law retains these provisions for any student who graduates during or after the 2007-2008 school year but prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

Proposed law provides that a student who graduates during or after the 2020-2021 school year, retains the 2.50 GPA requirement for the Opportunity Award, but requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 for a Performance Award, and 3.50 for an Honors Award.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:5024(A))

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