Prior law provided for academic requirements for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards. Provided for a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) and ACT score for each award type. New law retains these provisions.

Prior law provided that for an Opportunity Award, a minimum GPA of 2.50 is required. Provided that for a Performance Award and an Honors Award, a minimum GPA of 3.00 is required.

New 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.

New 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 (June 5, 2016).

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