

SENATE BILL NO. 486

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(B)(2)(a)(ii), relative to the Taylor Opportunity
3 Program for Students; to provide for the eligibility of certain students to receive a
4 TOPS-Tech Award; to provide for alternative eligibility requirements; to provide
5 relative to minimum scores on specified tests that are required of students to be
6 eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for an
7 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(B)(2)(a)(ii) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

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13 B. * * *

14 (2) As part of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, for
15 students graduating from high school through the 1999-2000 school year the state
16 shall award an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the actual
17 cost of tuition of any student who enrolls on a full-time basis in a Louisiana public
18 postsecondary institution to pursue skill or occupational training, including a
19 vocational or technical education certificate or diploma program or a nonacademic
20 undergraduate degree, and who meets the following qualifications and all other
21 applicable qualifications of this Chapter and for students graduating from high
22 school during the 2000-2001 school year and thereafter the state shall award an
23 amount determined by the administering agency in accordance with the provisions
24 of Subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph for any student who enrolls on a full-time basis
25 in an eligible college or university as defined in Subsection A of this Section to
26 pursue skill or occupational training as defined by the Board of Regents, including

1 a vocational or technical education certificate or diploma program or a nonacademic
2 undergraduate degree, and who meets the following qualifications and all other
3 applicable qualifications of this Chapter:

4 (a) * * *

5 (ii) For any student graduating from high school during the 2000-2001
6 school year and thereafter, complies with the provisions of Subparagraphs (A)(1)(a)
7 and (b) of this Section, except that the student shall have a composite score on the
8 specified American College Test of seventeen or higher or an equivalent concordant
9 value on any enhanced or revised version of such test or on the Scholastic Aptitude
10 Test. **For any student graduating from high school during the 2010-2011 school**
11 **year and thereafter, the student may, as an alternative requirement, have**
12 **attained a silver level score on the assessments of the ACT WorkKeys system.**

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14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
15 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
16 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____