
DIGEST

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HB No. 926

Abstract: Relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), requires the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission (LSFAC) to provide guidelines and procedures permitting it, under specified circumstances, to consider ACT/SAT test scores submitted by a program award applicant after statutorily established submission deadlines.

Relative to TOPS:

Present law (R.S. 17:3048.1(C)(1)) specifies that LSFAC shall be the administering agency and authorizes the commission to provide by rule adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act for all matters necessary for program implementation.

Proposed law provides additionally that the commission shall provide (by rule) guidelines and procedures permitting it to receive and consider ACT or SAT test scores first obtained by an award applicant on an authorized testing date after the national April ACT testing date in the year of the applicant's high school graduation but prior to July 1 of the graduation year or, if LSFAC determines that the applicant was prevented from taking the test prior to July 1 of the graduation year due to circumstances beyond the immediate control of the student and attributable to test administration, prior to Sept. 30th of the graduation year.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3048.1(C)(2)(h)(i)(cc))