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DIGEST

Buffington (SB 655)

Present law provides for the establishment of the GO Grant program by the Board of Regents to meet the financial need of certain students.

Present law provides for the establishment of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award. Provides for the eligibility of the various TOPS awards and the administrative requirements of TOPS.

Proposed law retains present law relative to Go Grant and TOPS and also provides that any public or private entity, including any nonprofit organization, may make a directed donation to any eligible postsecondary institution for a student who is a recipient of a Louisiana GO Grant or a Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:3046; adds R.S. 17:3048.1(M))