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2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 103

BY SENATOR CATHEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TOPS. Provides relative to enrollment requirements for the TOPS-Tech Award. (gov sig)

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To enact R.S. 17:5027(E), relative to TOPS-Tech Award eligibility; to provide relative to the time period to enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution as a first-time freshman; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:5027(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§5027. Postsecondary institution enrollment

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E. Effective for the 2020-2021 award year and thereafter, for the purposes of the TOPS-Tech Award as provided in this Chapter, the student shall enroll in an eligible college or university as a first-time freshman not later than the date of his thirty-fifth birthday.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that to be eligible for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award the student shall enroll in an eligible college or university as a first-time freshman not later than the semester, excluding summer semesters or sessions, immediately following the first anniversary of the date that the student graduated from high school.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that, effective for the 2020-2021 award year and thereafter, to be eligible for the TOPS-Tech Award, the student shall enroll in an eligible college or university as a first-time freshman not later than the date of his thirty-fifth birthday.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:5027(E))