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Present law provides for the La. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (START K12) Program, an education savings program for certain expenses associated with enrolling in grades kindergarten through 12. Limits disbursements of such expenses to a maximum of $10,000 per tax year, per beneficiary. The START K12 Program is similar to the La. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program, except the former is for certain expenses associated with an elementary or secondary school and the latter is for certain expenses associated with an institution of postsecondary education.

Present law also provides for certain enhancements from the state to be added to the accounts in the START program and establishes the "Savings Enhancement Fund" as a special permanent sub-account within the START Program account and provides that the legislature shall annually appropriate state general funds to be deposited by the treasurer in this fund. Provides that this fund shall be used for earnings enhancements for START accounts. Provides that the legislature shall make yearly appropriations from the respective account and sub-account, if applicable for present law purposes.

Proposed law allows for enhancements to be added to the START K12 Program and that the Savings Enhancement Fund be used to fund enhancements in both the START and START K12 programs.

Proposed law provides how the earnings enhancements shall be calculated and provides the earnings enhancement rates for the START K12 Program, which shall be identical to the similar provisions in present law for the START program.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 17:3100.2(9), 3100.7(B)(2)(b) and (c), and 3100.8(F); adds R.S. 17:3100.2(14) and (15), 3100.5(F)(5), and 3100.6(B)(3) and (D) - (G))