

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 536

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AND ST. BLANC

HIGHER EDUCATION: Lowers the minimum age for initial qualification for an M.J.
Foster Promise Award from 21 to 18

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1), relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Program;
3 to lower the minimum age required for initial qualification for a program award; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3047.2. Initial eligibility

8 A. To be eligible for the award, an applicant shall meet the following
9 requirements:

10 (1) Be at least ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years old.

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12 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1) as amended by this Act shall be
13 implemented beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Lowers the minimum age for initial qualification for an M.J. Foster Promise Award from 21 to 18 beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

Present law provides for the M.J. Foster Promise Program, a financial assistance program for students attending a two-year public postsecondary education institution or proprietary school who are enrolled in certain qualified programs. Provides for specific initial eligibility requirements, including being at least 21 years old. Proposed law lowers this age from 21 to 18 beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

(Amends R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Revise present law to lower the minimum age for initial qualification for an M.J. Foster Promise Award from 21 to 18 beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.
2. Remove proposed law that would have lowered the minimum ACT score needed for qualification for a TOPS-Tech Award.