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2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

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BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

TOPS: Provides relative to core curriculum requirements for initial eligibility for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award

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2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025(3)(c), (5), and (6), relative to high school core 3 curriculum requirements for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to remove 4 computer science courses as an alternative to foreign language; to add computer 5 science courses to the elective science courses; to add Louisiana Heritage 6 Connections to the art courses; and to provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. R.S. 17:5025(3)(c), (5), and (6) are hereby amended and reenacted to read 9 as follows: 10 §5025. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity, Performance, 11 Honors Awards 12 To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award pursuant 13 to this Chapter, a student shall have successfully completed a core curriculum which 14 consists of twenty units of high school course work as follows: 15 16 (3) Science - Four Units 17 18 (c) Two units chosen from the following: Computer Science, which shall be 19 in principles, coding, and programming and may include Computer Science I; 20 Computer Science II; Fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (Level 1); 21 Advanced JavaScript, Functional Programming, and Web Development (Level 2); 22 AP Computer Science A; AP Computer Science Principles; Computer Science Year

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One IB; Computer Science Year Two IB; or two units chosen from the following: Earth Science; Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science, or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, IB Physics II, or AP Physics II; Biology II, AP Biology, or IB Biology II. (5) Foreign Language or Computer Science - two units (a) Foreign Language - the two units shall be in the same language, which may include the following: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, French IV IB, French V IB, Spanish IV IB, and Spanish V IB. (b) Computer Science - the two units shall be in principles, coding, and programming, which may include the following: Computer Science I, Computer Science II, Fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (Level 1), Advanced JavaScript, Functional Programming, and Web Development (Level 2), AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Computer Science Year One IB, and Computer Science Year Two IB. (6) Art - one unit chosen from the following: Performance course in Music, Dance, or Theatre; Fine Arts Survey; Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Music I, II, III, and IV; Talented Theater Arts I, II, III, and IV; Speech III and Speech IV (one unit combined); AP Art History; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Music Theory; Film Study I IB; Film Study II IB; Music I IB; Music II IB; Art Design III IB; Art Design IV IB;

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Abstract: Provides relative to the high school core curriculum required for a Taylor Opportunity for Students award.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a college scholarship program, including initial and continuing eligibility requirements. Provides that students are required to take either two units of foreign language that are in the same language or two units of computer science.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the option to take two units of computer science in lieu of a foreign language and instead adds computer science to a list of accepted science electives. <u>Present law</u> requires two science electives in the TOPS—Opportunity, Performance, and Honors (OPH) Award core curriculum.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes La. Heritage Connections to satisfy the requirement for one unit of Art to initially qualify for TOPS–OPH.

Proposed law is applicable to those graduating in the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 17:5025(3)(c), (5), and (6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add La. Heritage Connections to list of courses that may satisfy requirement of one unit of Art for initial qualification for TOPS.