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Present law provides that effective for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 academic years, an individual who was honorably discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces from a military installation in Louisiana must be eligible to receive a TOPS-Tech Award under certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the effective academic years of 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.

Present law requires an individual to have earned a 17 or higher on the ACT or an equivalent concordant value on the SAT, or attained a silver level score or higher on the ACT WorkKeys system of assessment in order to be eligible to receive a TOPS-Tech Award.

Proposed law removes the requirement and instead requires an individual provide a copy of the individual's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, a DD Form 214, to verify qualifying military service.

Effective on August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:5029(E)(1)(intro para) and 5029(E)(1)(d))