

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to initial eligibility requirements for the M.J. Foster Promise Program

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 provide relative to initial eligibility requirements for the program; to revise the
4 initial age requirement; and 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 initially eligible for the award, an applicant shall meet the
9 following requirements:

10 (1) Be at least twenty-one years old. ~~Meet the following minimum age~~
11 ~~requirements:~~

12 (a) ~~Be at least twenty years old in the 2024-2025 award year.~~

13 (b) ~~Be at least nineteen years old in the 2025-2026 award year.~~

14 (c) ~~Be at least eighteen years old in the 2026-2027 award year.~~

15 (d) ~~Be at least seventeen years old in the 2027-2028 award year and~~
16 ~~thereafter.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes certain initial eligibility requirements for the M.J. Foster Promise Program.

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 meeting the following minimum age requirements:

- (1) Be at least 20 years old in the 2024-2025 award year.
- (2) Be at least 19 years old in the 2025-2026 award year.
- (3) Be at least 18 years old in the 2026-2027 award year.
- (4) Be at least 17 years old in the 2027-2028 award year and thereafter.

Proposed law removes present law minimum age requirements and requires that an applicant be at least 21 years old for initial eligibility to receive a program award.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

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