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Abstract: Removes completion of a Computer Science course as a requirement for qualification for TOPS.

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a merit scholarship program for students who meet certain academic criteria in high school and other requirements. Provides for five award levels based on high school academic criteria, including completion of a specific core curriculum, a minimum GPA on that core curriculum, and a minimum ACT score: TOPS-Tech, Opportunity, Performance, Honors, and Excellence.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires completion of a one unit Computer Science course to quality for any level of TOPS award, starting with students who graduate during the 2030-2031 school year.

Proposed law removes this requirement from the core curriculum.

(Amends R.S. 17:5025(intro. para.) and 5026(A)(5); Repeals R.S. 17:5025(8), 5025.7, and 5026(F))