

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 requirements; to require reporting; to provide for effectiveness; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §3047.2. Initial eligibility

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

11 (1)(a) Meet the following minimum age requirements:

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

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

14 (c) (iii) Be at least ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one years old in the 2026-2027 ~~award~~
15 ~~year.~~ and 2027-2028 award years.

16 (d) (iv) Be at least ~~seventeen~~ eighteen years old in the ~~2027-2028~~ 2028-2029
17 ~~award year and thereafter.~~

18 (v) Be at least seventeen years old in the 2029-2030 award year and
19 thereafter.

Proposed law retains present law minimum age requirements for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 award years, but adjusts minimum age requirements for future years and requires the following for applicants to be initially eligible:

- (1) Be at least 21 years old in the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 award years.
- (2) Be at least 18 years old in the 2028-2029 award year.
- (3) Be at least 17 years old in the 2029-2030 award year and thereafter.

Proposed law provides that a recipient who is initially eligible in the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 award years remains eligible so long as the recipient meets requirements to present law (R.S. 17:3047.3).

Proposed law requires the administering agency to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education by Jan. 1, 2028, that includes certain information and data relative to the program.

Effective on July 1, 2026.

(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. Adjust minimum age requirements for future award years.
2. Require the administering agency to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education by Jan. 1, 2028.
3. Add effectiveness on July 1, 2026.