

ACT No. 695

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1059

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROUSSARD AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025(2)(a), 5025.5(2)(a), 5025.6(2)(a), 5025.7(2)(a), and
3 5026(A)(2)(a) and (c), (D)(2), (E)(2), and (F)(2)(a) and (c), relative to the Taylor
4 Opportunity Program for Students; to revise high school core curricula requirements
5 in the subject of mathematics with respect to initial eligibility for a program award;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:5025(2)(a), 5025.5(2)(a), 5025.6(2)(a), 5025.7(2)(a), and
9 5026(A)(2)(a) and (c), (D)(2), (E)(2), and (F)(2)(a) and (c) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §5025. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity, Performance,
12 Honors, Excellence Awards

13 To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, Honors, or Excellence
14 Award pursuant to this Chapter, a student shall have successfully completed a core
15 curriculum which consists of twenty units of high school course work as follows:

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17 (2) Mathematics - Four Units

18 (a) Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I (one unit), Geometry or Integrated
19 Mathematics II (one unit), and Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III (one unit).

20 ~~Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematics II, and Integrated Mathematics III~~
21 ~~may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence.~~

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1 §5025.5. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity, Performance, and
2 Honors Awards; students graduating 2021-2022 through 2025-2026 school
3 year

4 To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award pursuant
5 to this Chapter, a student who graduates during the 2021-2022 through the 2025-
6 2026 school year shall have successfully completed a core curriculum which consists
7 of nineteen units of high school course work as follows:

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9 (2) Mathematics - Four Units

10 (a)(i) Algebra I (one unit), Geometry (one unit), and Algebra II (one unit).
11 Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematics II, and Integrated Mathematics III
12 may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence. The
13 provisions of this Item apply to students graduating during the 2021-2022 school
14 year through the 2024-2025 school year.

15 (ii) Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I (one unit), Geometry or Integrated
16 Mathematics II (one unit), and Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III (one unit).
17 The provisions of this Item apply to students graduating during the 2025-2026 school
18 year.

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20 §5025.6. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity, Performance, and
21 Honors Awards; students graduating in the 2026-2027 school year

22 To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award pursuant
23 to this Chapter, a student who graduated from high school during the 2026-2027
24 school year shall have successfully completed a core curriculum which consists of
25 nineteen units of high school course work as follows:

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27 (2) Mathematics - Four Units

28 (a) Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I (one unit), Geometry or Integrated
29 Mathematics II (one unit), and Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III (one unit).

1 Science, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start
 2 regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
 3 Education. ~~Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I,
 4 Geometry, and Algebra II and shall equal three mathematics credits.~~

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6 D. For a student graduating during or after the 2017-2018 school year but
 7 prior to the 2026-2027 school year, to be eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant
 8 to this Chapter, the student shall have successfully completed the core curriculum
 9 requirements of R.S. 17:5025 or the core curriculum defined as follows:

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11 (2) Math - Four Units

12 (a)(i) ~~Algebra I (one unit);~~ or both Algebra I; Part ~~1~~ One and Algebra I; Part
 13 2; Two, or an applied or hybrid algebra course (one unit). The provisions of this
 14 Item apply to students graduating during the 2017-2018 school year through the
 15 2024-2025 school year.

16 (ii) Algebra I, Algebra I Part One and Algebra I Part Two, Integrated
 17 Mathematics I, or an applied or hybrid algebra course (one unit). The provisions of
 18 this Item apply to students graduating during the 2025-2026 school year.

19 (b)(i) Three or more units from the following: Geometry, Algebra II, Math
 20 Essentials, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra III, Advanced Math -
 21 Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-calculus, or comparable
 22 Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as
 23 approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Integrated
 24 Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra
 25 II, and shall equal three mathematics credits. The provisions of this Item apply to
 26 students graduating during the 2017-2018 school year through the 2024-2025 school
 27 year.

28 (ii) Three or more units from the following: Geometry, Algebra II or
 29 Integrated Math III, Math Essentials, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra III,
 30 Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus,

1 (2) Math - Four Units

2 (a) Algebra I, Algebra I Part One and Algebra I Part Two, Integrated
3 Mathematics I, or an applied or hybrid algebra course (one unit), and Geometry,
4 Integrated Mathematics II, or an applied Geometry course (one unit).

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6 (c) One or more units from the following: Algebra II; or Integrated
7 Mathematics III, Math Essentials, Business Math, Algebra III, Advanced Math -
8 Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or
9 comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional
10 teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
11 ~~Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and~~
12 ~~Algebra II and shall equal three mathematics credits.~~

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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APPROVED: _____