RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 671 (HB 749) **2026 Regular Session** **Carver**

ABLE, START, and START K12 Programs

Existing law provides for the ABLE program, the START program, and the START K12 program, all of which are savings account programs administered by the La. Tuition Trust Authority (LATTA), which is governed by the Bd. of Regents. Provides for the investment of account funds by the state treasurer. Provides that ABLE account funds are for qualified expenses of persons with disabilities and START and START K12 account funds are for qualified education expenses, all as defined by federal law. New law authorizes LATTA to contract with a program manager for the administration of accounts and the investment of account funds.

LATTA

Existing law provides for LATTA's powers and duties with respect to account administration, including:

(1) The requirement that it provide by rule for the determination of the rate of interest to be paid on accounts at the close of a calendar year. New law applies this requirement until the date of the execution of a contract with a program manager.

(2) The authorization to make, execute, and deliver contracts, conveyances, and other instruments necessary to the exercise of its powers and duties. New law specifies that such contracts include those for the administration of accounts and investment of account funds in accordance with federal law, existing law, and new law.

(3) For START accounts, the requirement that LATTA guarantee payment of the redemption value of an account in which the deposits and interest are invested in fixed earnings. New law applies this requirement until the date of execution of a contract with a program manager as provided in new law.

La. Education Tuition and Savings Fund

Existing law provides for the La. Education Tuition and Savings Fund (Tuition and Savings Fund) which contains account funds. Provides for a subaccount within the fund, the Savings Enhancement Fund, which contains monies appropriated by the legislature to fund earnings enhancements for START accounts. New law provides:

(1) Beginning on the date of the execution of a contract between LATTA and a program manager, monies in ABLE, START, and START K12 accounts as contained in the Tuition and Savings Fund may be administered by the program manager.

(2) On the date of the execution of a contract between LATTA and a program manager, monies in ABLE, START, and START K12 accounts as contained in the Tuition and Savings Fund shall be transferred to the program manager, except for the contents of the Savings Enhancement Fund, which shall continue to be subject to existing law, including provisions relative to investment by the treasurer.

Existing law requires the following:

(1) The treasurer to determine and report to LATTA the total earnings and rate of return achieved on the Tuition and Savings Fund.

(2) LATTA to establish the rate of interest to be applied to the accumulated principal and interest in accounts, subject to approval by the treasurer.

(3) LATTA to calculate and credit the appropriate amount of interest earnings to each such account prior to the close of the calendar year.

New law applies the above requirements until the date of the execution of a contract with a program manager.

Existing law provides for the Variable Earnings Transaction Fund, a subaccount within the Tuition and Savings Fund that receives earnings funds as provided in existing law for START and START K12 accounts. New law specifies that this subaccount is to be maintained by the state treasurer until the date of the execution of a contract between LATTA and a program manager.

Implementation

New law requires LATTA and the state treasurer to coordinate the transfer of information necessary for the transfer of ABLE, START, and START K12 accounts to the program manager and the implementation of all other new law.

Notification

New law requires LATTA to submit written notification to the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, and the state treasurer of the execution of a contract with a program manager within 24 hours following such execution.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 2, 2026).

(Amends R.S. 17:3084(A)(14), 3085(3), 3086, 3092(13) and (14), 3093(C)(3) and (D)(1)(f), 3095(A)(4) and (E)(2), 3100.2(12) and (13), 3100.3(B)(3) and (C)(1)(f), and 3100.5(A)(4); Adds R.S. 17:3090(E), 3099(I) and (J), 3100.5(G), 3100.8(I) and (J), 3100.21-3100.26, and 3129.4(D))