



workforce priorities as determined by the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council, the award amount equals the amount determined by LASFAC to equal the weighted average of amounts paid for students attending public institutions that do not offer a baccalaureate degree.

Present law provides that for students who graduated prior to the 2016-2017 school year, eligibility for a TOPS-Tech award is not contingent upon a determination by the Bd. of Regents and the La. Workforce Investment Council that the students course of study is aligned with state workforce priorities.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that:

- (1) Beginning with the 2016-2017 award year, the amount awarded by the state to a student who is the recipient of any TOPS award shall equal the award amount paid for the 2016-2017 award year, unless the legislature increases the amounts by law.
- (2) Beginning with the 2018-2019 award year and every odd-numbered year thereafter, the legislature may increase the award amount if the administering agency recommends to the Legislature that the award amounts increase to align with changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- (3) Retains payment of the supplemental amounts established in present law for a recipient of a Performance or Honors award.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:5002(A), (B), and (D))