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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Hunter to Re-Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 452 by Senator Morrish

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "(A)(3)(b)," and before "5061," insert "5041(1)(a) and (b), 5042(1),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "enact" and before "relative" change "R.S. 17:5062(C)(5)," to "R.S.
5 17:5041.1, 5042.1, and 5062(C)(5),"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 6, after "requirements;" and before "to provide" insert "to add requirements
8 for maintaining eligibility pertaining to credit hours;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 11, after "(A)(3)(b)," and before "5061," insert "5041(1)(a) and (b),
11 5042(1),"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, line 12, change "R.S. 17:5062(C)(5) is" to "R.S. 17:5041.1, 5042.1, and
14 5062(C)(5) are"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 3, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

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§5041. Maintaining eligibility; Honors, Performance, Opportunity

To maintain continued state payment of any amount pursuant to an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award once enrolled in college a student shall meet all of the following:

(1)(a) If pursuing an academic undergraduate degree, make steady academic progress toward a degree as defined by the administering agency, earning not less than ~~the minimum number of hours of credit required for full-time standing~~ thirty hours of credit in each academic year or the required number of hours needed to complete the undergraduate degree during that semester or quarter unless granted an exception for cause by the administering agency.

(b) If pursuing skill or occupational training, make steady academic progress as defined by the administering agency toward completion of the requirements of the program in which enrolled, earning not less than ~~the minimum number of hours of credit required for full-time standing~~ thirty hours of credit in each academic year or the required number of hours needed to complete the program's requirements unless granted an exception for cause by the administering agency.

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1 §5041.1. Maintaining eligibility; Honors, Performance, Opportunity;
 2 exceptions

3 Notwithstanding R.S. 17:5041(1)(a) and (b), to maintain continued
 4 state payment of an amount equal to tuition for an Honors, Performance, or
 5 Opportunity Award pursuant to this Chapter once enrolled in college, a
 6 student who graduated from high school prior to the 2017-2018 school year
 7 shall:

8 (1)(a) If pursuing an academic undergraduate degree, make steady
 9 academic progress toward a degree as defined by the administering agency,
 10 earning not less than the minimum number of hours of credit required for
 11 full-time standing in each academic year or the required number of hours
 12 needed to complete the undergraduate degree during that semester or quarter.

13 (b) If pursuing skill or occupational training, make steady academic
 14 progress as defined by the administering agency toward completion of the
 15 requirements of the program in which enrolled, earning not less than the
 16 minimum number of hours of credit required for full-time standing or the
 17 required number of hours needed to complete the program's requirements.

18 §5042. Maintaining eligibility; TOPS-Tech

19 To maintain continued state payment of any amount pursuant to a
 20 TOPS-Tech Award once enrolled in an institution, a student shall meet all of
 21 the following:

22 (1) Make steady academic progress as defined by the administering
 23 agency toward completion of the requirements of the program in which
 24 enrolled, earning not less than ~~the minimum number of hours of credit~~
 25 required for full-time standing thirty hours of credit in each academic year
 26 or the required number of hours needed to complete the program's
 27 requirements unless granted an exception for cause by the administering
 28 agency. If at any time a student fails to maintain the cumulative grade point
 29 average required for continuation in the program or as of the end of any term
 30 during the school year fails to make steady academic progress as defined by
 31 the administering agency, the student shall become ineligible for further
 32 payments. Payments may be reinstated upon attainment of the grade point
 33 average required for continuation of the original award and the standards for
 34 steady academic progress as defined by the administering agency, provided
 35 that the student has maintained other continuation requirements and the
 36 period of ineligibility did not persist for more than one year from the date of
 37 loss of eligibility. If this one-year period is interrupted due to a student's
 38 active duty service in the United States Armed Forces, the one-year period
 39 shall be extended for a length of time equal to the student's active duty
 40 service, not to exceed four years, unless the student reenlists in the United
 41 States Armed Forces and maintains continuous active duty, in which case the
 42 period shall be extended for a length of time equal to the student's active duty
 43 service; or unless the student is granted an exception for cause by the
 44 administering agency.

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46 §5042.1. Maintaining eligibility; TOPS-Tech; exceptions

47 Notwithstanding R.S. 17:5042(1), to maintain continued state
 48 payment of any amount pursuant to a TOPS-Tech Award once enrolled in an
 49 institution, a student who graduated from high school prior to the 2017-2018
 50 school year shall make steady academic progress as defined by the
 51 administering agency toward completion of the requirements of the program
 52 in which enrolled, earning not less than the minimum number of hours of
 53 credit required for full-time standing or the required number of hours needed
 54 to complete the program's requirements. If at any time a student fails to
 55 maintain the cumulative grade point average required for continuation in the
 56 program or as of the end of any term during the school year fails to make
 57 steady academic progress as defined by the administering agency, the student
 58 shall become ineligible for further payments. Payments may be reinstated
 59 upon attainment of the grade point average required for continuation of the

1 original award and the standards for steady academic progress as defined by
2 the administering agency, provided that the student has maintained other
3 continuation requirements and the period of ineligibility did not persist for
4 more than one year from the date of loss of eligibility. If this one-year period
5 is interrupted due to a student's active duty service in the United States
6 Armed Forces, the one-year period shall be extended for a length of time
7 equal to the student's active duty service, not to exceed four years, unless the
8 student reenlists in the United States Armed Forces and maintains continuous
9 active duty, in which case the period shall be extended for a length of time
10 equal to the student's active duty service; or unless the student is granted an
11 exception for cause by the administering agency.
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