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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

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

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(c)," delete the remainder of the line and insert
- 3 "5002(E)(2), 5024(B)(1)(d), the introductory paragraph of 5025 and (3)(c), the introductory
- 4 paragraph of"
- 5 AMENDMENT NO. 2
- On page 1, line 4, after "enact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 17:5002(H),
 5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e), 5026.1, 5042.1, and 5062(C)(5), relative to the"
- 8 AMENDMENT NO. 3
- 9 On page 1, line 5, after "Students;" and before "to provide" insert "to create new program 10 awards; to provide relative to award amounts;"
- 11 AMENDMENT NO. 4
- 12 On page 1, at the end of line 5, after "eligibility" insert "and continuation"
- 13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 1, line 10, after "R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(c)," delete the remainder of the line and insert

- 15 "5002(E)(2), 5024(B)(1)(d), the introductory paragraph of 5025 and (3)(c), the introductory
- 16 paragraph of 5026(A)"
- 17 AMENDMENT NO. 6
- On page 1, line 12, delete "R.S. 17:5062(C)(5) is" and insert "R.S. 17:5002(H),
 5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e), 5026.1, 5042.1, and 5062(C)(5) are"
- 20 AMENDMENT NO. 7
- 21 On page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:
- 22 "§5002. Awards and amounts 23 24 E.(1) (2) No student shall be eligible for tuition payment pursuant to this Section 25 26 for the TOPS-Tech Award, the TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 Award, or the TOPS Second Chance Award for more than four semesters or an equivalent number of units 27 28 in an eligible institution which operates on a schedule based on units other than 29 semesters, or two years unless an extension is granted by the administering agency 30 in accordance with its rules. 31 32 H. Any student who is eligible for a TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 Award or a TOPS Second Chance Award pursuant to this Chapter and who has enrolled in 33

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

- any public four-year university in this state, in any regionally accredited independent four-year university in the state which is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or in an out-of-state four-year university that is specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students pursuant to R.S. 17:5027(C) shall be awarded by the state an amount to be determined by the administering agency in the same manner as provided in Subsection (B) of this Section.
- 9 §5024. Academic requirements

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28 29 A.(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection, students shall meet the following minimum grade point average requirements, calculated on a 4.00 scale using only the grades obtained by the student in completing the core curriculum requirements established by this Chapter, for the respective awards:

(e) For a TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 Award or a TOPS Second Chance Award, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.

B.(1) Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection, a student shall earn the following minimum test scores for the respective awards:

(d) For a TOPS-Tech Award <u>or a TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 Award</u>, a composite score on the specified ACT of seventeen or higher or an equivalent concordant value on any enhanced or revised version of such test or on the SAT. The student may, as an alternative requirement, have attained a silver level score on the assessments of the ACT WorkKeys system.

(e) For a TOPS Second Chance Award, a composite score on the specified ACT of seventeen or higher or an equivalent concordant value on any enhanced or revised version of such test or on the SAT.

- 30 AMENDMENT NO. 8
- On page 2, line 8, after "Honors" and before "Awards" insert a comma "2" and insert "TOPS
 Second Chance"
- 33 AMENDMENT NO. 9
- 34 On page 2, line 9, after "Performance" and before "Honors" delete "or"
- 35 AMENDMENT NO. 10
- On page 2, line 9, after "Honors" and before "Award" insert a comma "," and insert "or
 TOPS Second Chance"
- 38 AMENDMENT NO. 11
- 39 On page 2, line 23, after "TOPS-Tech" insert "<u>or TOPS-Tech 2Plus2</u>"
- 40 AMENDMENT NO. 12
- 41 On page 2, line 25, after "Tech" and before "Award" insert "or a TOPS-Tech 2Plus2"
- 42 AMENDMENT NO. 13
- 43 On page 3, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

44 "§5026.1. Initial Postsecondary eligibility requirements; TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 and 45 TOPS Second Chance

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1	A. To be eligible for a TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 Award pursuant to this
2	Chapter, a student who graduated from high school during or after the
3	2021-2022 school year shall:
4	(1) Have accepted his TOPS-Tech Award.
5	(2) Have earned an academic associate's degree in an eligible TOPS-Tech
6	program within two academic years of accepting the award and enrolling in an
7	eligible institution.
8	(3) Have maintained a cumulative grade point average of a 3.20 on a 4.00
9	scale as evaluated at the end of each academic year.
10	(4) Enroll in a baccalaureate program at an eligible four-year
11	postsecondary institution not later than the semester, excluding summer
12	semesters and sessions, immediately following the first anniversary of the date
13	the student graduated from the eligible academic associate's degree program.
14	B. To be eligible for a TOPS Second Chance Award pursuant to this
15	Chapter, a student who graduated from high school during or after the
16	2021-2022 school year shall:
17	(1) Have enrolled in an eligible four-year postsecondary institution not
18	later than the semester, excluding summer semesters and sessions, immediately
19	following the first anniversary of the date that the student graduated from high
20	school.
21	(2) Have remained continuously enrolled in an eligible four-year
22	postsecondary institution and earned at least sixty hours of academic credit
23	within two consecutive academic years of enrolling in an eligible institution.
24	(3) Have maintained a cumulative grade point average of a 3.20 on a 4.00
25	scale as evaluated at the end of each academic year.
26 27	(4) Remain enrolled in a baccalaureate program at a TOPS eligible
27	<u>four-year postsecondary institution.</u>
28 29	§5042.1. Maintaining eligibility; TOPS-Tech 2Plus2, TOPS Second Chance
29 30	(A) To maintain continued state payment of any amount pursuant to a
30 31	TOPS-Tech 2Plus2 or TOPS Second Chance Award, a student shall meet all of
31	the following:
33	(1) Make steady academic progress toward a degree as defined by the
34	administering agency, earning not less than the minimum number of hours of
35	credit required for full-time standing in each academic year or the required
36	number of hours needed to complete the undergraduate degree during that
37	semester or quarter.
38	(2) Maintain continuous enrollment for not less than two semesters or
39	three quarters in each successive academic year, unless granted an exception for
40	cause by the administering agency.
41	(3) Maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 on a 4.00
42	scale as evaluated at the end of each academic year.
43	(4) Have no criminal conviction, except for misdemeanor traffic
44	violations.
45	(5) If the student has been in the United States Armed Forces and has
46	separated from such service, has received an honorable discharge or general
47	discharge under honorable conditions.
48	B. If at any time a student fails to maintain the requirements provided
49	in Subsection (A) of this Section, the student is ineligible for further payments.
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