

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) and specifies initial and continuing eligibility requirements.

New law authorizes the administering agency to waive certain requirements of existing law relative to TOPS initial eligibility requirements if the agency determines that failure to comply is, more likely than not, due solely to the effects of Hurricane Ida.

New law provides for modified continuing eligibility requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year for certain students as follows:

- (1) Waives existing law requirements for steady academic progress and a certain cumulative GPA.
- (2) Extends the time a student has to have a suspended award reinstated.
- (3) Waives existing law requirements that award eligibility be reduced by a semester for each semester that a student is enrolled in an out-of-state college or university.

New law is applicable only to a student who, on Aug. 27, 2021, was eligible for or had a program award and met one of the following criteria:

- (1) He had a home of record in an affected parish.
- (2) He was enrolled in an eligible college or university in an affected parish.
- (3) Was a member of the Louisiana National Guard called to active duty to assist in the preparation for and response to Hurricane Ida.

New law defines "affected parish" as Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, or Terrebone.

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(Adds R.S. 17:5105)