

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 779

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

TAX/TAX REBATES: Provides relative to the definition of a "qualified student" for purposes of rebates for donations to school tuition organizations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6301(B)(3), relative to the rebate for donations to school
3 tuition organizations; to provide with respect to the definition of a "qualified student"
4 for purposes of the rebate; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:6301(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §6301. Rebates; donations to school tuition organizations

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9 B.

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11 (3)(a) For purposes of this Section, a "qualified student" shall mean a child
12 who is a member of a family that resides in Louisiana with a total household income
13 that does not exceed an amount equal to two hundred fifty percent of the federal
14 poverty level based on the federal poverty guidelines established by the federal office
15 of management and budget. ~~A qualified student shall also be~~ and who meets any of
16 the following criteria:

17 (i) Is a student who is entering kindergarten for the first time; .

18 (ii) Is a student who attended a public school the previous year; .

19 (iii) Is ~~or~~ a student who received a scholarship from a school tuition
20 organization for the previous school year.

school the previous year, or a student who received a scholarship from a school tuition organization for the previous school year.

Proposed law retains present law but adds to the definition of "qualified student" a student enrolled in a public school which no longer provides a safe environment for the student due to acts of violence or threats of violence, bullying, including cyberbullying, use of illegal drugs or alcohol, arson, sexual activity, theft of personal property, and excessive disciplinary referrals and classroom disruptions.

(Amends R.S. 47:6301(B)(3))