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Abstract: Reorganizes the law providing for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) without making any changes to the program.

<u>Present law</u> generally provides a state-funded scholarship program for the payment of higher education tuition for Louisiana highschool students who merit certain grades and achievements. Now called the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), <u>present law</u> was enacted over 25 years ago and over the years has been frequently amended. <u>Proposed law</u> reorganizes, renumbers, and recodifies <u>present law</u> without making any substantive changes to TOPS.

<u>Present law</u> is designated as Chapter 20-G of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and contains seven individual statutes. The main TOPS provision is R.S. 17:3048.1. <u>Proposed law</u> untangles the many provisions of R.S. 17:3048.1 into 25 separate statutes and organizes all TOPS provisions into five Parts, now all contained in Chapter 50 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

(Adds R.S. 17:5001 - 5122)