

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 705****2015 Regular Session****Broadwater**

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides for technical corrections to TOPS

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Technical amendments only.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law 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), present law was enacted over 25 years ago and over the years has been frequently amended. Proposed law reorganizes, renumbers, and recodifies present law without making any substantive changes to TOPS.

Present law 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. Proposed law 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; Repeals R.S. 17:3048.1 - 3048.7)