

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 203
by Senator Walsworth

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 4, and insert the following:

3 "To amend and enact R.S. 17:3050.1, 3050.2(A) and (B)(1), 3050.3, and 3050.4(A),
4 relative to the Grant Opportunity for Youth ChalleNGe Program; to provide relative
5 to the program's purpose, tuition grants, eligibility, administration, and funding; and"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S.
8 17:3050.1, 3050.2(A) and (B)(1), 3050.3, and 3050.4(A) are hereby amended and"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 11 and insert the following:

11 "CHAPTER 20-H. GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH CHALLENGE SKILL
12 TRAINING PROGRAM

13 §3050.1. Purpose

14 It is the purpose of this Chapter to encourage and assist those students who graduate
15 from the Louisiana National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program to continue their
16 education and enhance their skills by providing for tuition at an eligible Louisiana
17 postsecondary institution ~~to further their skills and occupational training in a~~
18 ~~technical program.~~

19 §3050.2. Tuition grants; eligibility; continuation; limits

20 A.(1) As part of the Grant Opportunity for Youth ChalleNGe ~~Skills Training~~
21 Program, hereinafter referred to as the "GO-Youth ChalleNGe Program", the state
22 shall award a grant in an amount determined by the administering agency to equal
23 the actual cost of tuition of any student who enrolls on a full-time basis in a
24 Louisiana public postsecondary institution to pursue ~~skill or occupational training,~~
25 ~~including a vocational technical education certificate or diploma or a nonacademic~~
26 ~~undergraduate degree~~ **a certificate, diploma, or associate or baccalaureate**
27 **undergraduate degree required for a high-demand, high-skill, high-wage career.**

28 (2) The state shall award a grant in an amount determined by the administering
29 agency to be equal to the average grant amount paid under this Section for students
30 attending a public postsecondary institution to any student who enrolls on a full-time
31 basis at a regionally accredited independent college or university in the state that is
32 a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges or Universities to
33 pursue ~~skill or occupational training, including, a vocational technical education~~
34 ~~certificate or diploma or a nonacademic undergraduate degree~~ **a certificate,**
35 **diploma, or associate or baccalaureate undergraduate degree required for a**
36 **high-demand, high-skill, high-wage career.**

37 (3) To be eligible for a grant as provided for in this Section, a student must meet all
38 of the following qualifications and all other applicable qualifications of this Chapter:
39 (a) Is a resident of Louisiana, as defined by the administering agency, during the
40 twenty-four months preceding enrollment in ~~a technical program at an eligible~~
41 ~~postsecondary institution."~~

42 AMENDMENT NO. 4

43 On page 2, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

1 "B.(1) To continue such grant ~~to pursue skill or occupational training~~, the student
2 shall meet all of the following requirements:
3 * * *"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 5

5 On page 2, delete lines 18 through 27, and insert the following:

6 "§3050.4. Funding

7 A. The legislature annually shall appropriate to the administering agency funds
8 which, together with any other funds available, are sufficient to cover the grants
9 awarded by the state pursuant to this Chapter, **the costs for intensive academic**
10 **advising by the office of student financial assistance**, and the cost of administering
11 the program.

12 B. All tuition grants shall be paid by the administering agency directly to the
13 institution to which such tuition is due after notice to the institution that the state
14 shall pay, on behalf of the qualifying student, the applicable amount stipulated in this
15 Chapter, and after notice from the institution, that the student has actually enrolled.

16 C. The administering agency may seek, accept, and expend funds from any source,
17 including private business, industry, foundations, and other groups as well as any
18 federal or other governmental funding available for this purpose.

19 D. Implementation of the ~~Grant Opportunity for~~ **GO-** Youth ChalleNge Skills
20 ~~Training~~ Program shall be subject to the availability of funds for this purpose."