



1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

3 "B.

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5 (2) As part of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for  
 6 Students, for students graduating from high school through the 1999-2000  
 7 school year the state shall award an amount determined by the administering  
 8 agency to equal the actual cost of tuition of any student who enrolls on a full-  
 9 time basis in a Louisiana public postsecondary institution to pursue skill or  
 10 occupational training, including a vocational or technical education  
 11 certificate or diploma program or a nonacademic undergraduate degree, and  
 12 who meets the following qualifications and all other applicable qualifications  
 13 of this Chapter and for students graduating from high school during the 2000-  
 14 2001 school year and thereafter the state shall award an amount determined  
 15 by the administering agency in accordance with the provisions of  
 16 Subparagraph (f) of this Paragraph for any student who enrolls on a full-time  
 17 basis in an eligible college or university as defined in Subsection A of this  
 18 Section to pursue skill or occupational training as defined by the Board of  
 19 Regents, including a vocational or technical education certificate or diploma  
 20 program or a nonacademic undergraduate degree, and who meets the  
 21 following qualifications and all other applicable qualifications of this  
 22 Chapter:

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24 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, has successfully  
 25 completed a core curriculum, and meets standards for admission to the  
 26 desired eligible college or university. The core curriculum specified in  
 27 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be effective only for high school  
 28 graduates through the 2001-2002 school year; thereafter, a student shall meet  
 29 the core curriculum requirements as specified in this Subparagraph. Except  
 30 as otherwise provided by this Section, a student may qualify for a TOPS-  
 31 Tech Award by meeting the core curriculum requirements of Subparagraph  
 32 (A)(1)(e) or (f) of this Section or the core curriculum defined as follows:

33 \* \* \*

34 C.

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36 (2) Except as otherwise provided by this Paragraph, the administering  
 37 agency by rule shall provide for:

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39 (e) Guidelines and procedures by which the administering agency,  
 40 subject to prior approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
 41 Education, may update the course name and establish course equivalencies  
 42 for any course included in the definition of core curriculum provided by this  
 43 Section, **including necessary changes to course names and equivalencies**  
 44 **for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses as**  
 45 **prescribed by the College Board or the International Baccalaureate**  
 46 **Foundation**. The guidelines and procedures shall include but not be limited  
 47 to a requirement that any change in a course name and the establishment of  
 48 any course equivalency be done by rule adopted by the administering agency  
 49 and a requirement that prior to issuing a notice of intent to consider any such  
 50 rule the administering agency shall consult with and seek the written  
 51 comments and recommendations of the Board of Regents on making the  
 52 name change or establishing the course equivalency.

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