

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 994

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Relative to TOPS, provides, under specified circumstances, for the repayment by a student of an award amount paid on his behalf by the state during the first two award years

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3048.1(C)(6), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to  
3 provide for program eligibility, including under specified circumstances, for the  
4 repayment by a student of an award amount that is paid on his behalf during the first  
5 two award years; to provide conditions and limitations; to provide effectiveness; to  
6 provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(C)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

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11 C.

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13 (6)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary and in  
14 addition to any other eligibility requirements provided by this Section for a student  
15 to initially receive and to continue to receive a program award, for a student to be  
16 eligible to have an award payment made on his behalf by the administering agency  
17 to an eligible institution, the student on whose behalf an award payment is made for  
18 any particular semester or other applicable time period during the first two award  
19 years shall agree to and be required to repay to the administering agency such award

1 amount upon a determination by the agency that the student, during that particular  
2 semester or other applicable time period, failed to meet any of the requirements  
3 provided by Paragraph (A)(4) of this Section as may be applicable relative to the  
4 student making steady academic progress or maintaining full-time standing for  
5 continuing in the program.

6 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall be applicable to those students  
7 who first qualify for a program award for the 2011-2012 award year or for any award  
8 year thereafter.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
14 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to TOPS, provides for the repayment of a TOPS award for any particular semester (or equivalent time period) during the first two award years when it is determined that the student during that particular semester failed to meet applicable program requirements relative to making steady academic progress or maintaining full-time standing. Applies to those students who first qualify for a program award for the 2011-2012 award year and any award year thereafter.

Proposed law, relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, provides (notwithstanding any provision of present law to the contrary and in addition to any other eligibility requirements provided by present law for a student to initially receive and to continue to receive a program award) that for a student to be eligible to have an award payment during the first two award years, the student, for any particular semester or other applicable time period, shall agree to and be required to repay such award amount upon a determination by the agency that the student, during that particular semester or other applicable time period, failed to meet any of the requirements provided by present law (as may be applicable) relative to making steady academic progress or maintaining full-time standing for continuing in the program.

Provides that proposed law provisions are applicable to those students who first qualify for a program award for the 2011-2012 award year and any award year thereafter.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3048.1(C)(6))