

ACT No. 201

SENATE BILL NO. 182

BY SENATORS N. GAUTREAUX, ADLEY, APPEL, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MURRAY, NEVERS, RISER, SHAW AND THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVES AUBERT, CARMODY, CHANDLER, CHANEY, DIXON, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, GISCLAIR, HOFFMANN, KATZ, MCVEA, MONICA, RITCHIE, SCHRODER, THIBAUT AND THIERRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(O)(1), (2) and (3), relative to the Taylor Opportunity
3 Program for Students; to provide for certain awards and payments for Louisiana
4 National Guardsmen; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(O)(1), (2) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

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10 O. In lieu of the payment of tuition as provided in this Section, any student
11 participating in the program provided by R.S. 29:36.1 for persons serving in the
12 Louisiana National Guard shall receive the tuition exemption as provided therein.
13 However, in addition to any other payments provided for by this Section:

14 (1) For any student who is participating in the tuition exemption program
15 provided by R.S. 29:36.1 and who also meets the qualifications provided in this
16 Section for receipt of an Opportunity Award **or a TOPS-Tech Award**, the state shall
17 pay on behalf of such student a sum of ~~not more than one~~ **three** hundred ~~fifty~~
18 per semester or ~~three~~ **six** hundred dollars per academic year ~~for the actual~~ **to be**
19 **applied toward the** cost of books and other instructional materials.

20 (2) For any student who is participating in the tuition exemption program
21 provided by R.S. 29:36.1 and who also meets the qualifications provided in this
22 Section for receipt of a Performance Award, the state shall pay on behalf of the
23 student a sum of ~~not more than one~~ **three** hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars per semester or ~~three~~
24 **six** hundred dollars per academic year ~~for the actual~~ **to be applied toward the** cost

1 of books and other instructional materials plus the sum of ~~two~~ **four** hundred dollars
2 per semester or ~~four~~ **eight** hundred dollars per academic year for other educational
3 expenses as defined by the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission.

4 (3) For any student who is participating in the tuition exemption program
5 provided by R.S. 29:36.1 and who also meets the qualifications provided in this
6 Section for receipt of an Honors Award, the state shall pay on behalf of the student
7 a sum of ~~not more than one~~ **three** hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars per semester or ~~three~~ **six**
8 hundred dollars per academic year ~~for the actual~~ **to be applied toward the** cost of
9 books and other instructional materials plus the sum of ~~four~~ **eight** hundred dollars
10 per semester or ~~eight~~ **one thousand six** hundred dollars per academic year for other
11 educational expenses as defined by the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance
12 Commission.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____