

Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL NO. 634

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides, effective for initial TOPS awards for the 2007-2008 award year, relative to minimum scores on specified standardized tests that are required of certain home study students

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(Q)(5) and (V)(3), to provide relative to minimum  
3 scores on specified tests that are required of certain home study students to be  
4 eligible for Tuition Opportunity Program for Students awards; to provide relative to  
5 effectiveness; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(Q)(5) and (V)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
8 read as follows:

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

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11 Q.

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13 (5)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (1)(c), (2)(b), (3)(b),  
14 or (4)(b) of this Subsection to the contrary and effective for a student qualifying for  
15 an initial program award for the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 award year ~~or thereafter~~  
16 pursuant to this Subsection, the student shall have a composite score on the 1990  
17 version of the American College Test which is at least two points higher than that  
18 otherwise required by this Section for a student graduating from a Louisiana public  
19 high school or nonpublic high school which has been approved by the State Board

1 of Elementary and Secondary Education or an equivalent concordant value on an  
2 enhanced or revised version of such test or on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

3 (b) ~~The provisions of this Paragraph shall be in effect through the 2007-2008~~  
4 ~~school year and thereafter shall have no effect.~~ Notwithstanding any provision of  
5 Subparagraph (1)(c), (2)(b), (3)(b), or (4)(b) of this Subsection to the contrary and  
6 effective for a student qualifying for an initial program award for the 2007-2008  
7 award year or thereafter pursuant to this Subsection, the student shall have a  
8 composite score on the 1990 version of the American College Test which is the same  
9 as required by this Section for a student graduating from a Louisiana public high  
10 school or nonpublic high school which has been approved by the State Board of  
11 Elementary and Secondary Education or an equivalent concordant value on an  
12 enhanced or revised version of such test or on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

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14 V.

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16 (3)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Subparagraph (1)(b) or (2)(b) of this  
17 Subsection to the contrary and effective for a student qualifying for an initial  
18 program award for the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 award year ~~or thereafter~~ pursuant  
19 to this Subsection, the student, if a completer of a home study program approved by  
20 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall have a composite  
21 score on the 1990 version of the American College Test which is at least two points  
22 higher than that required by this Section for a student graduating from a Louisiana  
23 public high school or nonpublic high school which has been approved by the State  
24 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or an equivalent concordant value on  
25 an enhanced or revised version of such test or on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

26 (b) ~~The provisions of this Paragraph shall be in effect through the 2007-2008~~  
27 ~~school year and thereafter shall have no effect.~~ Notwithstanding any provision of  
28 Subparagraph (1)(b) or (2)(b) of this Subsection to the contrary and effective for a  
29 student qualifying for an initial program award for the 2007-2008 award year or



Proposed law retains present law relative to the "two points higher" requirement except deletes provision that it shall be in effect through the 2007-2008 school year and specifies instead that it is applicable to a home study student qualifying for an initial program award for the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 award year.

Proposed law additionally provides that for a home study student qualifying for an initial program award for the 2007-2008 award year or thereafter, the student shall have a composite score on the applicable standardized test which is the same as required by present law for a student graduating from a La. public high school or BESE-approved nonpublic high school.

For a student graduating from a La. public high school or BESE-approved nonpublic high school, present law requires that the student, in addition to meeting certain other academic requirements not required of the home study student, have the following minimum ACT scores (or the specified equivalents):

- (1) For a TOPS-Tech Award, 17.
- (2) For an Opportunity Award, 20.
- (3) For a Performance Award, 23.
- (4) For an Honors Award, 27.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3048.1(Q)(5) and (V)(3))