

## **Update on TOPS-Related Legislation**

*As of April 15, 2016*

### **HB1 (2016-2018 State General Fund) by Representative Cameron Henry**

#### **House Committee on Appropriations**

This is the committee that will consider the proposed TOPS award budget for the 2016-2017 Academic Year.

Public Testimony on proposed budget allocations will be heard:

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

**Committee Room 5, Louisiana State Capitol**

**10:00 am**

And

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

**Committee Room 5, Louisiana State Capitol**

**9:00 am**

### **SB470 by Senator Dan W. Morrish - Up for consideration by the full Senate**

This bill would change the manner in which TOPS awards are distributed in the event of a budget shortage. It would change the current method of reducing the number of recipients based on ACT score and family ability to pay, to a pro-rata share of available funds being paid to all eligible recipients.

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

**Senate Floor, Louisiana State Capitol**

**4:00 pm**

### **SB174 by Senator Jack Donahue - Approved by Senate, Assigned to House**

#### **Education Committee**

This bill sets future TOPS award amounts at the 2016-17 award amount level, thus, decoupling TOPS award increases from Tuition increases. Requires legislative approval for any future changes in TOPS award amounts.

#### **House Committee on Education**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**Committee Room 1, State Capitol**

**9:00 a.m.**

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