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AGENDA

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 • 11:30 a.m.

Claiborne Building

Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, A and B

1201 North Third Street, First Floor

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Rulemaking – GO Youth ChalleNGe Program

B. Approval of TOPS Exceptions

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Robert Levy, Chair, Gerald Theunissen, Vice Chair, Charles McDonald, Wilbert Pryor, T. Jay Seale III, Collis Temple III, Jacqueline Wyatt

**Consent Agenda
Agenda Item III.A.**

The Board of Regents approve the rulemaking to implement the Legislative Act that results from Senate Bill 203 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, provided that this rulemaking shall not be effective until such time as the governor signs the bill or it becomes law as a result of the lapse of time.

BACKGROUND:

NOTE: This proposal is being provided prior to final passage of SB 203. There are two provisions in the bill that need to be implemented as soon as possible so that students can take advantage of them in the fall semester of 2019. The first is the provision that allows students to utilize the award in academic programs and the second is the provision that allows a student to be eligible for the award if the student completes course credit recovery with the National Guard, returns to his high school, and graduates with his class. We have provided the Emergency Rules to Colonel Borrel for his review, and he has advised that they have no recommended changes.

The National Guard GO-Youth ChalleNGe award currently provides an amount equal to tuition for those students: (a) who complete the residential portion of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program; and (b) who obtain a general education diploma; and (c) who enroll in college to pursue skill or occupational training no later than one year following the anniversary of the student's completion of the program. Senate Bill 203 changes these requirements in a number of ways.

First, it provides that a student may be eligible for the award if he completes the National Guard Youth Challenge program and earns a high school diploma or its equivalent. The National Guard Youth Challenge Program has recently been approved to provide course credit recovery, and SB203 allows students who complete course credit recovery while participating in the National Guard Youth Challenge Program to return to their high school, graduate from high school, and still be eligible for the award. This provision continues to allow those students who complete a high school equivalency exam to be eligible for the National Guard GO-Youth ChalleNGe award. Sections 1501 and 1503 of the rulemaking address this change.

Second, SB 203 allows students to receive the award for postsecondary studies that lead to a diploma, certificate, associates or baccalaureate degree required to achieve employment in a high demand, high skill, high-wage career. The National Guard indicated that a number of their students have high ACT scores, and as such should be able to utilize the award at 4-year institutions in academic areas. Section 1501 of the rulemaking addresses this change.

Finally, SB 203 allows the administering agency to extend the time within which a student must enroll in a postsecondary institution past the one-year anniversary of completion of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program beginning in the 2020 – 2021 academic year. The National Guard has indicated that there are a number of past graduates of the program who have gone to school four or more years after completion of the program, who are currently not eligible to receive the National Guard GO-Youth ChalleNGe award under the current law. Section 1505 of the rulemaking addresses this change

Sections 1509 and 1511 of the rulemaking updates the responsibilities of the State Military Department (SMD) and LOSFA for the National Guard GO-Youth ChalleNGe award with respect to certification of completion of a high school diploma. In addition, the requirement that the SMD report students' social security numbers to LOSFA has been deleted.

Staff recommends the above-described changes be implemented in administrative rules via the Emergency Rule process given the time limitations for Fall 2019 implementation

**Consent Agenda
Agenda Item III.B.**

Requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.

BACKGROUND:

Sections 705.A.6 and 7 of the TOPS administrative rules require TOPS recipients to continue to enroll in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, to remain enrolled throughout the semester, and to earn the annual credit hours required by the end of the academic year. Section 2103.E authorizes the governing body to grant an exception to these requirements when the “student/recipient has exceptional circumstances that are beyond his immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution.”

Eight requests for exception were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting of May 15, 2019 and June 13, 2019. The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.

Other Business

BACKGROUND:

2019 Louisiana GEAR UP Learning Summer Camp			
Site, Location, & Date	Time	Camp Description	Site Capacity
June 3-28, 2019 Delgado Community College /Inspiration to Innovation @ Delgado Community College	7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Inspiration to Innovation is a four-week summer camp that will focus on academic enrichment, college readiness, career explorations, STEM hands-on activities, entrepreneurship program, and field trips to explore careers and content.	30 Students
June 10-14, 2019 Louisiana Tech University POWER-Providing Opportunities for Work Tallulah/Bastrop @ Bastrop High School	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	POWER is a one-week STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)-focused learning experience that will include coding, financial literacy, career planning/ exploration, positive psychology sessions, academic sessions addressing concepts in Mathematics, Arts and Science, and a campus tour of Louisiana Tech University.	60 Students
Date: June 10-14, 2019 Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center – Healthcare Awareness Camp (Iberia) @ Iberia Career Center	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	A one-week health care awareness summer program that will include exposure to health careers, CPR and First Aid certification, healthcare site visit, and campus visit.	20 Students
Date: June 17-21, 2019 Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center – Healthcare Awareness Camp (Calcasieu) @ F.K. White Middle School	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	A one-week health care awareness summer program that will include exposure to health careers, CPR and First Aid certification, healthcare site visit, and campus visit.	20 Students
June 17-21, 2019 Louisiana Tech University POWER-Providing Opportunities for Work	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	POWER is a one-week STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)-focused learning experience that will include coding,	120 Students

Monroe City @ Carroll High School		financial literacy, career planning/ exploration, positive psychology sessions, academic sessions addressing concepts in Mathematics, Arts and Science, and a campus tour of Louisiana Tech University.	
June 16-21, 2019 University of Louisiana at Monroe - President's Academy (Residential) @ University of Louisiana at Monroe	Residential	The President's Academy is a five-day residential college preparatory program held on the University of Louisiana at Monroe campus. The program will provide externships in the fields of Computer Sciences, Law, Health Sciences, and Physical Sciences. Coupled with follow-up laboratory experiences with university faculty and college courses that equip scholars with the soft skills to flourish in a competitive job market, the President's Academy offers high-ability high school student exclusive access to the global economy.	20 Students
June 17-21, 2019-Session I June 24-28, 2019-Session II Louisiana Tech University POWER-Providing Opportunities for Work Baton Rouge @ Park Forest Middle School	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	POWER is a one-week STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)-focused learning experience that will include coding, financial literacy, career planning/exploration, positive psychology sessions, academic sessions addressing concepts in Mathematics, Arts and Science, and a campus tour of Louisiana Tech University.	120 Students
July 7-27, 2019 Northwestern State University of Louisiana/ ADVANCE Camp (Residential) @ Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Residential	ADVANCE is a three-week residential program that offers a challenging and rewarding curriculum for gifted or talented students who are currently in grades 7 through 11. Students enroll in one course for three weeks of intense and demanding study.	20 Students
July 8-12, 2019-Session I July 22-26, 2019-Session II Grambling State University/ Project ACCESS: Promoting Effective College and Career Readiness Skills	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Project ACCESS focuses on academic preparation, college readiness, career explorations, enhancement of ELA skills, STEM preparation including Drone technology and flight, and self-esteem enhancement. This one week summer program is a non-residential camp held on the campus of Grambling State University.	60 Students
July 8-12, 2019 Northwestern State University of Louisiana/Camp Locomotion @ Northwestern State University of Louisiana	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Camp Locomotion is a week-long camp for rising 9th and 10th Graders that will focus on similarities between human and robot anatomy and physiology with special attention to motor locomotion. Campers will participate in dynamic demonstrations and experiential learning activities to learn about similarities and difference between humans and machines. They will also learn how S.T.E.A.M. professionals utilize their knowledge about one to inform their	50 Students

		work with the other. The camp will also include academic enrichment, college readiness, and Northwestern State University of Louisiana campus tour.	
<p>July 8–12, 2019-Session I July 15-19, 2019-Session II</p> <p>Southeastern Louisiana University / STEAM Interactive Learning Experience (STILE) @ Southeastern Louisiana University</p>	<p>8:00 am - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>A one-week camp that will provide an engaging STEAM-focused, interactive, experiential learning program titled STEAM Interactive Learning Experience (STILE). The camp will focus on STEAM job awareness and career path explorations, academic sessions, financial literacy, campus tour, and sessions in Safety, Energy and Physics, Engineering, and Design.</p>	<p>96 Students</p>
<p>July 15-19, 2019</p> <p>Northwestern State University of Louisiana/Camp ENERGY @ Northwestern State University of Louisiana</p>	<p>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Camp ENERGY is a week-long camp for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders that will focus on different sources of energy, including light and sound. Robust demonstrations and experiential learning will help students understand how to create, harness, and utilize energy. University faculty will work with small groups of campers using specialized audio and visual equipment to facilitate learning. The camp will also include academic enrichment, college readiness, and Northwestern State University of Louisiana campus tour.</p>	<p>50 Students</p>
<p>July 15-19, 2019</p> <p>Louisiana Tech University POWER-Providing Opportunities for Work @ Louisiana Tech University</p>	<p>7:00 am – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>POWER is a one-week STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)-focused learning experience that will include coding, financial literacy, career planning/exploration, positive psychology sessions, academic sessions addressing concepts in Mathematics, Arts and Science, and a campus tour of Louisiana Tech University.</p>	<p>60 Students</p>
<p>July 22-26, 2019-Session I July 29- August 2, 2019- Session II</p> <p>Northwestern State University of Louisiana Robotics @ Northwestern State University of Louisiana</p>	<p>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Robotic Camp is a week-long camp for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders that will focus on engineering and technology aspects of robots. Campers will first be educated about safety rules. Campers will participate in the construction of robots, which involves motors, sensors, and programming. Participants in these camps gain hands-on-experience on programming, digital electronics, electro-mechanical devices, robotics manipulation, and advanced sensing.</p>	<p>50 Students</p>