

HOUSE BILL No. 5134

October 4, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Profit, DeMars, Bennett, Perry Bullard and Keith and referred to the Committee on Colleges and Universities.

A bill to provide for scholarships for high school valedictorians in this state who attend college in this state; and to prescribe powers and duties of the Michigan higher education assistance authority.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the
2 Michigan valedictory scholarship act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assist-
5 ance authority established in section 1 of Act No. 77 of the
6 Public Acts of 1960, being section 390.951 of the Michigan
7 Compiled Laws.

8 (b) "Michigan college or university" means a degree granting
9 public or private junior college, community college, college, or

1 university located in this state that is approved by the state
2 board of education.

3 (c) "Michigan high school" means a state approved public or
4 nonpublic high school.

5 (d) "Valedictorian" means the student or students designated
6 by a Michigan high school as having achieved the highest grade
7 point average in the graduating class.

8 Sec. 3. The authority shall annually award a scholarship to
9 the valedictorian of each Michigan high school if the valedicto-
10 rian meets the requirements of section 4. The scholarship shall
11 be a single grant award of not less than \$500.00, and may be more
12 if additional funds are appropriated by the legislature. If
13 additional funds are appropriated, the amount of the scholarship
14 shall be increased by an amount calculated by dividing the amount
15 of the additional funds appropriated by the number of eligible
16 valedictorians for that year.

17 Sec. 4. The valedictorian of a Michigan high school is eli-
18 gible for a Michigan valedictory scholarship if the valedictorian
19 meets all of the following requirements:

20 (a) Has resided in this state continuously for the preceding
21 12 months and is not considered a resident of another state.

22 (b) Enrolls in a Michigan college or university and is not
23 enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology,
24 divinity, or religious education.

25 Sec. 5. (1) Before payment of a Michigan valedictory schol-
26 arship is made, the recipient shall certify to the authority in
27 writing the name of the Michigan college or university in which

1 the recipient is enrolled and the recipient's intent to use the
2 scholarship for payment of educational expenses.

3 (2) At the option of the recipient, the authority shall pay
4 the scholarship in 1 lump sum to the recipient or to the Michigan
5 college or university for credit to the student's account. The
6 payment shall be made not earlier than 4 weeks after the recipi-
7 ent enrolls in a Michigan college or university and not later
8 than 8 weeks after that enrollment.

9 Sec. 6. The authority shall promulgate rules necessary to
10 implement this act under the administrative procedures act of
11 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being
12 sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.