

HOUSE BILL No. 5465

February 8, 1990, Introduced by Reps. Harrison, Joe Young, Sr., Joe Young, Jr., Watkins, Varga, Hollister and Kilpatrick and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to provide job training tuition grants to certain students enrolled in licensed proprietary schools; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Michigan higher education assistance authority and certain state officials; and to provide for the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Approved proprietary school" means a proprietary school
3 that is licensed by the state board of education under Act
4 No. 148 of the Public Acts of 1943, being sections 395.101 to
5 395.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and is accredited by a
6 national accrediting body recognized by the United States depart-
7 ment of education.

8 (b) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education
9 assistance authority created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of

1 1960, being sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled
2 Laws.

3 (c) "Other financial aid" means a grant or scholarship
4 awarded to a student for educational purposes other than a job
5 training tuition grant awarded under this act.

6 (d) "Proprietary school" means that term as defined in sec-
7 tion 1a of Act No. 148 of the Public Acts of 1943, being section
8 395.101a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

9 (e) "Training-related job" means employment that is deter-
10 mined by the authority to be related to the training a student
11 receives in the job training program for which the student has
12 been awarded a job training tuition grant under this act.

13 Sec. 2. The authority shall administer the grants autho-
14 rized by this act and shall award a job training tuition grant to
15 an eligible student enrolled in an approved proprietary school.

16 Sec. 3. A student is eligible for a job training tuition
17 grant if the student meets all of the following criteria:

18 (a) Has graduated from a high school or is at least 18 years
19 of age.

20 (b) Is enrolled in at least a half-time course of study, as
21 defined by the authority, at an approved proprietary school.

22 (c) Has resided in this state continuously for the preceding
23 12 months and is not considered a resident of any other state.

24 (d) Is not incarcerated in a county jail or state correc-
25 tional institution.

26 (e) Is not enrolled in a program of study leading to a
27 certificate in theology or divinity.

1 (f) Is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by
2 the proprietary school in which the student is enrolled.

3 Sec. 4. (1) The legislature shall annually determine the
4 maximum amount of a job training tuition grant to be paid to a
5 student for a complete program of job training at an approved
6 proprietary school.

7 (2) The authority shall determine the actual amount of the
8 job training tuition grant to be paid to a student based upon an
9 evaluation of the student's family financial resources, using the
10 same criteria as used in Act No. 313 of the Public Acts of 1966,
11 being sections 390.991 to 390.997a of the Michigan Compiled Laws,
12 and taking into account other financial aid. Each job training
13 tuition grant shall not exceed the lesser of the amount of
14 tuition and fees for the complete program of job training in
15 which the student is enrolled, as reported by a proprietary
16 school, or an amount the authority finds appropriate in relation
17 to the student's family financial resources and other financial
18 aid.

19 (3) If there are not sufficient appropriated funds to pro-
20 vide each student with the grant amount for which the student is
21 eligible, the authority shall give priority to students with the
22 greatest financial need.

23 Sec. 5. (1) The authority shall pay a job training tuition
24 grant to a student by making a payment to the approved propri-
25 etary school to be credited to the student's account for the pur-
26 poses of tuition and fees. The authority shall make the payment
27 in 3 equal installments as follows:

(a) At the beginning of the student's job training program.

(b) At the midpoint of the student's job training program.

(c) Upon receipt of a verification form signed by either the student or a representative of the student's employer that certifies that the student is employed in a training-related job.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), if a student has received a job training tuition grant and fails to provide verification to the authority that he or she is employed in a training-related job within 180 days after completing his or her job training program, the student and the proprietary school shall forfeit their right to the final installment of the grant payment.

(3) If a student does not provide verification to the authority that he or she is employed in a training-related job, the authority shall pay the final installment of the grant payment only if the student provides to the authority, within 180 days after completing his or her job training program, evidence satisfactory to the authority that he or she meets 1 or more of the following:

(a) Is enrolled in an institution of higher education in a degree program.

(b) Is on active duty in the military.

(c) Is permanently disabled and is unable to work.

(4) The authority shall periodically conduct an appropriate audit of grant recipients and appropriate proprietary schools to determine whether those persons are complying with this act.

1 Sec. 6. The authority shall promulgate rules to implement
2 this act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969,
3 Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to
4 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The rules shall include,
5 but are not limited to, procedures for application for a job
6 training tuition grant and criteria for determining whether a
7 grant recipient is employed in a training-related job.