

SENATE BILL No. 427

May 4, 1989, Introduced by Senators VAUGHN and SEDERBURG and referred to the Committee on Education and Mental Health.

A bill to establish a scholarship grant program for certain resident students enrolled in certain institutions of higher education in this state; to establish and prescribe conditions and funding for certain grants to institutions of higher education to provide certain services; to create an advisory committee; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to make an appropriation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assist-
5 ance authority created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960,
6 being sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

1 (b) "Community college" means a community college or a
2 junior college established under section 7 of article VIII of the
3 state constitution of 1963.

4 (c) "Educational costs" means the actual amount charged by
5 an institution of higher education for tuition, mandatory fees,
6 and room and board, and an allowance for transportation, books,
7 and supplies. If a scholarship recipient does not incur room or
8 board charges at the institution, educational costs include an
9 allowance for room and board.

10 (d) "Grant recipient" means an institution of higher educa-
11 tion that has received an award of a Michigan education partner-
12 ship grant under this act.

13 (e) "Institution of higher education" means a
14 degree-granting community college, junior college, college, or
15 university in this state that is approved by the state board of
16 education.

17 (f) "Pell grant" means a grant awarded under section 411 of
18 subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the higher education act of
19 1965, Public Law 89-329, 20 U.S.C. 1070a.

20 (g) "Scholarship recipient" means an individual who has
21 received an award of a Michigan special scholarship under this
22 act.

23 Sec. 3. Michigan special scholarships are established to
24 encourage students to pursue a postsecondary education by ena-
25 bling eligible students to meet the costs of attending an eligi-
26 ble institution of higher education. The Michigan special
27 scholarship program shall be administered by the authority. The

1 authority shall make the first awards under the program in the
2 1991-1992 academic year.

3 Sec. 4. The authority shall make Michigan special scholar-
4 ship funds available to institutions of higher education for a
5 fiscal year in an amount proportionate to the institution's
6 receipt of Pell grant funds for the most recent year statistics
7 are available. An institution of higher education that receives
8 funds under this act shall use those funds only for awards to
9 eligible students, and not for administration of the program.

10 Sec. 5. (1) A student is eligible to participate in the
11 Michigan special scholarship program under this act if the stu-
12 dent meets all of the following requirements:

13 (a) Has applied for financial aid and has submitted all
14 information the authority and the institution of higher education
15 require from the student or, where applicable, the student's
16 parent or spouse, on forms prescribed by the authority.

17 (b) Has graduated from a high school located within the
18 state, will graduate at the end of the academic year in which the
19 application is submitted from a high school located within the
20 state, or has passed a graduate equivalency examination approved
21 by the state board of education.

22 (c) Has not attained the age of 22 as of June 30 before the
23 academic year for which the initial financial aid application is
24 made.

25 (d) Is or will be an undergraduate student receiving finan-
26 cial aid for the first time.

1 (e) Is enrolled or will enroll in at least a half-time
2 undergraduate program of study approved by the authority at an
3 eligible institution of higher education no later than 24 months
4 after the date that the applicant graduated from high school or
5 passed a graduate equivalency examination approved by the state
6 board of education. The authority may grant an exemption from
7 this requirement to an applicant who is temporarily unable to use
8 a scholarship awarded due to illness, military service, or
9 another cause approved by the authority.

10 (f) Is not incarcerated in a county jail or state correc-
11 tional institution.

12 (g) Has resided in this state continuously for the 12 months
13 immediately preceding the date of application and is not consid-
14 ered a resident of another state.

15 (h) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident.

16 (i) Has complied with this act and the rules promulgated
17 under this act by the authority relating to Michigan special
18 scholarships.

19 (j) Is certified by the financial aid officer at the eligi-
20 ble institution of higher education as needing the scholarship in
21 order to meet educational costs.

22 (k) Is not in default on a loan guaranteed by the
23 authority.

24 (2) To remain eligible for a Michigan special scholarship
25 under this act, a scholarship recipient shall maintain satisfac-
26 tory academic progress, as defined by the institution of higher
27 education in which the scholarship recipient is enrolled.

1 (3) A scholarship recipient is not eligible for a Michigan
2 special scholarship for more than 10 semesters of undergraduate
3 education, or its equivalent in trimesters or quarters, or the
4 equivalent as determined by the authority for part-time
5 students.

6 (4) A scholarship shall not be awarded under this act to a
7 student who is enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree
8 in theology, divinity, or religious education.

9 Sec. 6. A student who receives a state competitive scholar-
10 ship award under Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, being
11 sections 390.971 to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,
12 another scholarship, work-study funds, or grant awards may be
13 eligible for a Michigan special scholarship under this act if the
14 total amount of the student's scholarships and grants is less
15 than the student's educational costs. The Michigan special
16 scholarship, in combination with the other student financial aid,
17 shall not exceed the amount of the scholarship recipient's finan-
18 cial need as determined by uniform criteria of need established
19 under section 7(1).

20 Sec. 7. (1) Subject to subsection (3), an institution of
21 higher education shall determine the amount of a Michigan special
22 scholarship to be awarded each academic year by using a needs
23 analysis standard to be established by the authority based upon
24 the standards for determining financial need used for awarding a
25 Pell grant and the definition of educational costs under this
26 act.

1 (2) The amount of each Michigan special scholarship shall
2 not exceed the amount of remaining financial need for the full
3 academic year as reported by the institution of higher education
4 in which the student is enrolled. The institution shall give
5 priority to students with the greatest financial need.

6 (3) The authority shall each year establish a maximum amount
7 for a Michigan special scholarship award, based on the amount of
8 the appropriation for the Michigan special scholarship program
9 for that year and the number of students that are anticipated to
10 participate in the program for that year.

11 (4) The institution of higher education shall make prorated
12 payments of the scholarship award at the beginning of each semes-
13 ter, trimester, or quarter to the scholarship recipient or as a
14 credit to the scholarship recipient's account.

15 Sec. 8. The authority shall determine the amount of an
16 allowance for transportation, books, and supplies, or the amount
17 of an allowance for room and board, if applicable, to be used in
18 calculating a scholarship recipient's educational costs.

19 Sec. 9. The Michigan education partnership grant program is
20 created to assist in providing support services to students
21 enrolled in public and nonpublic schools who are identified as
22 having a high risk of failing to complete high school. The state
23 board of education shall award grants on a competitive basis to
24 institutions of higher education, or to a consortium of institu-
25 tions of higher education, to provide the support services in
26 cooperation with school districts and nonprofit community-based
27 organizations. In an area of the state where no institution or

1 consortium can provide appropriate support services to students,
2 ~~the state board of education may award a grant to a nonprofit~~
3 community-based organization to provide the support services in
4 cooperation with school districts.

5 Sec. 10. Support services to be provided by Michigan educa-
6 tion partnership grant funds may include skills assessment,
7 tutoring, academic and personal counseling, family counseling and
8 home visits, mentoring programs, and staff development activities
9 for personnel with direct responsibility for students.

10 Sec. 11. To qualify for a Michigan education partnership
11 grant under this act, a proposed program shall contain all of the
12 following program elements:

13 (a) Identify students who are at risk of failing to complete
14 high school, as measured by the following factors:

15 (i) Academic performance.

16 (ii) Attendance.

17 (iii) Discipline problems.

18 (iv) Other factors affecting school performance, including,
19 but not limited to, teenage pregnancy or parenting, residence in
20 a homeless shelter or temporary living arrangement, substance
21 abuse, child abuse or neglect, or limited English proficiency.

22 (b) Encourage and facilitate involvement in support programs
23 by parents, community volunteers, and current or former Michigan
24 special scholarship recipients as peer or mentor counselors.

25 (c) Provide continuity of support services throughout a
26 student's progression through high school.

1 Sec. 12. (1) In awarding a Michigan education partnership
2 grant under this act, the state board of education shall give
3 priority to proposed programs that demonstrate all of the
4 following:

5 (a) That the proposed program will provide services to
6 school districts identified by the state board of education as
7 needing assistance in the annual report required in section 17.

8 (b) That the proposed program will provide services to
9 schools with students at risk of failing to complete high
10 school.

11 (c) That the proposed program will replicate programs of
12 demonstrated effectiveness, including models that provide for
13 small group involvement with low student-staff ratios.

14 (d) That there is a high level of commitment by the appli-
15 cant to programs in fields relevant to counseling and mentoring,
16 including, but not limited to, education, social work, psycholo-
17 gy, and sociology, and extensive involvement of faculty members
18 and graduate or professional students from degree programs in
19 those fields.

20 (e) That there is evidence that there will be cooperation
21 with school districts and nonprofit community-based organizations
22 to provide support services and ensure continuity of the services
23 until a student graduates from high school or passes a graduate
24 equivalency examination.

25 (g) That the proposed program will encourage students to
26 pursue a postsecondary education and will assist students in

1 applying for admission and financial aid at institutions of
2 higher education and in preparing to enter college.

3 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall identify
4 model programs with proven effectiveness as described in
5 subsection (1)(c) and shall make information on those model pro-
6 grams available to the grant applicants.

7 Sec. 13. Allowable costs for a grant recipient include, but
8 are not limited to, all of the following:

9 (a) Salaries of program personnel, including, but not
10 limited to, graduate student stipends.

11 (b) Transportation costs for students and program
12 personnel.

13 (c) Instructional materials.

14 (d) Reimbursement to school districts for release time
15 granted to employees while participating in the planning and
16 development of activities funded by a grant made under this act.

17 (e) Training of program personnel.

18 (f) Costs related directly to program activities, including
19 summer and weekend activities.

20 (g) Administrative costs directly attributable to the
21 program.

22 Sec. 14. (1) Subject to the specific appropriations pro-
23 vided in subsection (2), the amount that shall be appropriated
24 for funding Michigan education partnership grants shall be equal
25 to \$750.00 multiplied by 4% of the base year enrollment of chil-
26 dren in public and nonpublic schools in this state in grades 7
27 through 12, as computed by the department of education.

1 (2) The following amounts are appropriated for funding
2 Michigan education partnership grants:

3 (a) For the 1990-1991 school year, 25% of the amount com-
4 puted under subsection (1).

5 (b) For the 1991-1992 school year, 50% of the amount com-
6 puted under subsection (1).

7 (c) For the 1992-1993 school year, 75% of the amount com-
8 puted under subsection (1).

9 (d) For the 1993-1994 school year and after, the amount com-
10 puted under subsection (1).

11 Sec. 15. A Michigan education partnership grant awarded
12 under this act shall not exceed the amount of \$300,000.00 for any
13 grant year, except that a grant recipient may receive an addi-
14 tional amount of not more than \$1,250.00 per student for each
15 student in excess of 240 who is provided with services by the
16 grant recipient during the grant year.

17 Sec. 16. Grant recipients shall provide students at public
18 and nonpublic schools with the opportunity to receive services in
19 an equitable manner consistent with the number and need of the
20 students in each school. Services provided to nonpublic school
21 students shall be provided at a site other than a nonpublic
22 school.

23 Sec. 17. The state board of education shall prepare an
24 annual report evaluating the Michigan education partnership grant
25 programs funded under this act and making appropriate recommenda-
26 tions concerning existing programs and desirable additional
27 programs. The report shall be submitted to the governor, the

1 senate majority leader, and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives on October 1 of each year. The first report
3 shall be submitted October 1, 1991.

4 Sec. 18. (1) The Michigan special scholarship and education
5 partnership advisory committee is created to advise the state
6 board of education on the administration of the programs created
7 in this act. The advisory committee shall consist of the follow-
8 ing 11 persons appointed by the governor, including, but not
9 limited to, all of the following:

10 (a) Two members recommended by the senate majority leader.

11 (b) Two members recommended by the speaker of the house of
12 representatives.

13 (c) Two representatives from eligible institutions of higher
14 education.

15 (d) Two representatives from the secondary schools of this
16 state.

17 (e) A representative from business and industry.

18 (f) A representative from labor.

19 (g) A representative from nonprofit or voluntary
20 organizations.

21 (2) In addition to the 11 members of the advisory committee
22 appointed under subsection (1), the superintendent of public
23 instruction or his or her designee shall serve as an ex officio
24 member without the right to vote.

25 (3) The governor shall designate 1 member of the advisory
26 committee to serve as chairperson.

1 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall make
2 personnel available to act as staff for the advisory committee.

3 (5) The members of the advisory committee shall not receive
4 compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to reim-
5 bursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
6 performance of their duties.

7 (6) No later than April 1, 1990, the advisory committee
8 shall prepare a plan to identify counseling and support services
9 designed to encourage students to attend college that are avail-
10 able from institutions of higher education, high schools, govern-
11 ment agencies, business and industry, labor, nonprofit organi-
12 zations, and volunteers and to propose ways in which these coun-
13 seling and support services can be coordinated to promote conti-
14 nuity of counseling and support. The advisory committee shall
15 also make recommendations on implementation of the plan and shall
16 annually prepare a report to the governor, the senate majority
17 leader, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the
18 degree to which the plan has been successfully implemented.

19 Sec. 19. The authority shall promulgate rules to carry out
20 the purposes of this act relating to Michigan special
21 scholarships. The state board of education shall promulgate
22 rules to carry out the purposes of this act relating to Michigan
23 education partnership grants. The rules shall be promulgated
24 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of
25 the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the
26 Michigan Compiled Laws.