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House Bills 4143 and 4144 (as passed by the House)
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CONTENT

House Bills 4143 and 4144 would amend the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and the Career and Technical Preparation Act, respectively, to limit eligibility under the Acts to students who had not been enrolled in high school for more than four school years, including the year in which a student sought to enroll in an eligible course.

The Acts permit eligible high school students to enroll in courses at community colleges or universities, or at career and technical preparation programs operated by colleges and universities, for the purpose of earning academic credit. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in at least one high school class in at least 11th grade. The student must have achieved State endorsement in all subject areas on the high school proficiency exam (MEAP test) until the 2006-2007 school year, or a qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness assessment or the Michigan Merit Exam beginning with the 2006-2007 school year (or must meet other criteria for enrolling only in particular courses).

Under each bill, an eligible student could not have been enrolled in high school for more than four school years, including the school year in which the student sought to enroll in an eligible course under the Act.

For purposes of determining whether a student had been enrolled for more than four school years, a pupil who was enrolled in high school for less than 90 days of a school year due to illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the pupil or his or her parent or guardian would not be considered to be enrolled in high school for that school year.

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388.1903 (H.B. 4144)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The State could realize a small saving for each pupil affected by this legislation. The students still would be allowed to enroll in high school to complete their diplomas; however, due to also being enrolled in college courses, it is likely that they would be counted only as a partial FTE. As a result, the State would pay out less in a foundation allowance, thus providing a small saving to the School Aid Fund.

Local districts would lose the corresponding amount of foundation allowance that would no longer be covered for these dual enrollment students.

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