

HOUSE BILL No. 4765

May 10, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Hoogendyk, Palmer, Gosselin and Drolet and referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Career Preparation.

A bill to establish a higher education enrollment option grant program for certain students; to prescribe certain duties of public schools; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain community colleges and state departments, officials, and agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan accelerated college education act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance
5 authority created by 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961.

6 (b) "Community college" means a community college established
7 under the community college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1 to

1 389.195, or under part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,
2 MCL 380.1601 to 380.1607, or a federal tribally controlled
3 community college located in this state that is recognized under
4 the tribally controlled community college assistance act of 1978,
5 Public Law 95-471, and is determined by the authority to meet the
6 requirements for accreditation by a recognized regional accrediting
7 body.

8 (c) "Eligible charges" means tuition, books, and mandatory
9 course fees, material fees, and registration fees required by a
10 community college for enrollment in an eligible program. Eligible
11 charges also include any late fees charged by a community college
12 due to the authority's failure to make a required payment according
13 to the timetable prescribed under this act. Eligible charges do not
14 include transportation or parking costs or activity fees.

15 (d) "Eligible program" means a program of study offered by a
16 community college leading to an associate degree.

17 (e) "Eligible student" means an individual who meets the
18 eligibility requirements described in section 5(1).

19 Sec. 5. (1) Subject to subsection (3), an individual who meets
20 all of the following may attend a community college without
21 completing high school:

22 (a) He or she has resided continuously in this state for the
23 preceding 12 months and is not considered a resident of any other
24 state.

25 (b) He or she is at least 15 and less than 19 years of age.

26 (c) He or she has completed at least 1/2 of the credits
27 required for graduation by a high school or received an overall

1 score in the top 20% of a nationally recognized college admission
2 examination.

3 (d) He or she is admitted to and enrolled in the community
4 college as a full-time student in an eligible program.

5 (2) Upon request by a community college, a student shall
6 provide evidence of eligibility to the authority. If a student
7 attended high school in this state, the high school shall provide a
8 transcript to the student upon request.

9 (3) In any academic year, a community college may enroll under
10 this act up to 10 new eligible students and up to 10 additional new
11 eligible students who were at-risk pupils, as defined in section
12 31a of the state school aid act, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631a, while
13 in high school.

14 Sec. 7. (1) An eligible student shall receive a grant from the
15 authority, payable directly to the community college, for the
16 number of semesters, trimesters, or quarters of full-time
17 enrollment at that community college determined under subsection
18 (2). The amount of a grant is an amount equal to the lesser of the
19 amount of the eligible charges for the semester, trimester, or
20 quarter in which the student is enrolled, and an amount equal to 1
21 of the following percentages of the basic foundation allowance
22 described in section 20 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979
23 PA 94, MCL 388.1620:

24 (a) If the eligible program in which the student is enrolled
25 is conducted in semesters, 16.67%.

26 (b) If the eligible program in which the student is enrolled
27 is conducted in trimesters, 12.50%.

1 (c) If the eligible program in which the student is enrolled
2 is conducted in quarters, 8.335%.

3 (2) The following are the maximum number of semesters,
4 trimesters, or quarters of full-time enrollment at a community
5 college for which an eligible student may receive a grant under
6 subsection (1):

7 (a) For an eligible student who attended high school for 4 or
8 fewer semesters or its equivalent, 4 semesters or an equivalent
9 number of trimesters or quarters.

10 (b) For an eligible student who attended high school for 5
11 semesters or its equivalent, 3 semesters or an equivalent number of
12 trimesters or quarters.

13 (c) For an eligible student who attended high school for 6
14 semesters or its equivalent, 2 semesters or an equivalent number of
15 trimesters or quarters.

16 (d) For an eligible student who attended high school for 7
17 semesters or its equivalent, 1 semester or an equivalent number of
18 trimesters or quarters.

19 (e) An eligible student who graduated from or attended high
20 school for 8 or more semesters or its equivalent may not receive a
21 grant under this act.

22 (3) After an eligible student's first semester, trimester, or
23 quarter of enrollment in an eligible program, the authority is not
24 required to pay a grant described in subsection (1) in any
25 semester, trimester, or quarter if the student did not maintain a
26 grade point average of at least 2.0 in the preceding semester,
27 trimester, or quarter. This subsection does not reduce the total

1 number of semesters, trimesters, or quarters described in
2 subsection (1) in which the student is entitled to receive a grant
3 under this section.

4 (4) An eligible student is responsible for payment of the
5 remainder of the costs associated with his or her enrollment in a
6 community college that exceed the amount of his or her grant under
7 this section.

8 (5) This act does not restrict the ability of an eligible
9 student or any other pupil to enroll in any community college
10 without meeting this act.

11 Sec. 9. (1) Unless otherwise agreed between a community
12 college and the authority, after the expiration of the community
13 college's period for dropping or adding courses in the eligible
14 program in each semester, trimester, or quarter for which the
15 authority is required to make a grant payment under section 7, the
16 community college shall provide written notice to the authority of
17 the amount of eligible charges for the eligible program in which
18 the student is enrolled. The authority shall make the grant payment
19 within 30 days of receiving the notice.

20 (2) A community college shall not charge a late fee to an
21 eligible student or the authority for a grant paid in compliance
22 with the time period described in subsection (1) even if the
23 payment would otherwise be considered late by the community
24 college.

25 (3) Within a reasonable time after registration, a community
26 college shall send written notice to an eligible student indicating
27 the eligible program in which the eligible student is enrolled. The

1 community college shall notify the eligible student about tuition,
2 fees, books, materials, and other related charges, as determined by
3 the community college, in the customary manner used by the
4 community college, and shall notify the eligible student of the
5 amount of the eligible charges that it included in the notice to
6 the authority under subsection (1).

7 Sec. 11. By November 1 of each odd numbered year beginning in
8 2007, the authority shall submit a biennial report to the state
9 budget director, the house and senate standing committees
10 concerning education and community college issues, the house and
11 senate appropriation subcommittees on state school aid and on
12 community colleges, and the house and senate fiscal agencies on the
13 grant program established in this act. The report shall include,
14 but is not limited to, all of the following information for the
15 preceding 2 state fiscal years:

16 (a) The number of students who participated in the grant
17 program.

18 (b) The number of high school diplomas awarded by community
19 colleges under this act.

20 (c) The number of associate degrees awarded to students who
21 participated in the grant program.

22 (d) The total amount of grants awarded under this act and the
23 average grant amount.

24 Sec. 13. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a community college
25 shall award a high school diploma to an eligible student who
26 successfully completes the maximum number of semesters, trimesters,
27 or quarters applicable to that student under section 7(2).

1 (2) A community college shall not award a high school diploma
2 under subsection (1) to a student who has not successfully
3 completed a 1-semester course of study in civics that includes the
4 form and functions of the federal, state, and local governments and
5 stresses the rights and responsibilities of citizens, completed by
6 the student in high school under section 1166(2) of the revised
7 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1166, or at a community college.

8 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect September 1, 2006.

9 Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless
10 Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 4766(request no. 02954'05 a)
11 of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.