

HOUSE BILL No. 6149

May 21, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Gillard, Miller, Bieda, Bennett, Wojno, Sheltroun, Accavitti, Acciavatti and Rocca and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled
"Community college act of 1966,"
by amending sections 105 and 121 (MCL 389.105 and 389.121), section 105 as amended by 2003 PA 306 and section 121 as amended by 1997 PA 135.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 105. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Area", in the term "area vocational-technical education
3 program", means the geographical territory of the district, and any
4 territory outside of the district that is designated as the service
5 area of the district by the superintendent of public instruction. A
6 community college is eligible to receive state aid and assistance
7 appropriated by the legislature for the aid and support of junior
8 colleges or community colleges.

1 (b) "Area vocational-education program" means a program of
2 organized systematic instruction designed to prepare the following
3 individuals for useful employment in recognized occupations:

4 (i) An individual who has completed or left high school and who
5 is available for full-time study in preparation for entering the
6 labor market.

7 (ii) An individual who has already entered the labor market and
8 who needs training to achieve stability or advancement in
9 employment.

10 (iii) An individual enrolled in high school. If a program or
11 course is provided for an individual enrolled in high school, the
12 superintendent of the school district in which the individual is
13 enrolled or his or her designated representative shall request that
14 the program or course be provided to the individual.

15 (c) "Community college" means an educational institution
16 providing collegiate and noncollegiate level education primarily to
17 individuals above the twelfth grade age level within commuting
18 distance. The term includes an area vocational-technical education
19 program that may result in the granting of an associate degree or
20 other diploma or certificate ~~, but not an educational institution~~
21 ~~or program OR THE granting OF A baccalaureate or higher degrees~~
22 **DEGREE IN AN APPLIED TECHNICAL FIELD.**

23 (d) "General election" or "general state election" means the
24 term general election as defined in section 2 of the Michigan
25 election law, MCL 168.2.

26 (e) "Michigan election law" means the Michigan election law,
27 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

1 (f) "Regular election" means that term as defined in section 3
2 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.3.

3 (g) "School district" means a school district, a local act
4 school district, or an intermediate school district, as those terms
5 are defined in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to
6 380.1852, or a community college district under this act.

7 (h) "School district filing official" means the school
8 district election coordinator as defined in section 4 of the
9 Michigan election law, MCL 168.4, or an authorized agent of the
10 school district election coordinator.

11 (i) "Special election" means that term as defined in section 4
12 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.4.

13 Sec. 121. The board of trustees of the community college
14 district has the power to make plans for, to promote, or to
15 acquire, construct, own, develop, maintain, and operate a community
16 college and an area vocational-technical education program. The
17 board of trustees may do all of the following:

18 (a) Locate, acquire, purchase, or lease in the name of the
19 community college district a site or sites within or without the
20 territory of the community college district for college buildings,
21 libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields, playgrounds,
22 stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas, residence halls,
23 and supporting facilities as may be necessary; purchase, lease,
24 acquire, erect or build and equip buildings, structures, and other
25 improvements for college or area vocational-technical education
26 buildings, libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields,
27 playgrounds, stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas,

1 residence halls, and supporting facilities as may be necessary;
2 enter into installment purchase contracts for real or personal
3 property; pay for real or personal property out of the funds of the
4 community college district provided for that purpose; sell or
5 exchange any real or personal property of the community college
6 district that is no longer required for school purposes, and give
7 proper deeds, bills of sale, or other instruments passing title to
8 the real or personal property.

9 (b) Establish and carry on schools and departments or courses
10 of study and other educational programs as may be consistent with
11 the purposes of this act, and take over and succeed to the
12 operation of a community college or vocational-technical department
13 or departments previously operated by school districts within the
14 community college district.

15 (c) Establish, equip, and maintain agricultural, trade, and
16 other vocational-technical departments and have general control
17 over them for community college or area vocational-technical
18 program purposes.

19 (D) **ESTABLISH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND GRANT BACCALAUREATE**
20 **DEGREES IN 1 OR MORE APPLIED TECHNICAL FIELDS.**