

SENATE BILL No. 456

April 26, 2007, Introduced by Senators RICHARDVILLE, BROWN, PATTERSON and PRUSI and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled "Michigan promise grant act," by amending sections 2, 4, and 8 (MCL 390.1622, 390.1624, and 390.1628).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Academic year" means the period from September 1 of a
3 calendar year to August 31 of the next calendar year.

4 (b) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means any
5 of the following:

6 (i) A public or private college or university, junior college,
7 or community college that grants degrees or certificates and is
8 located in this state.

9 (ii) A postsecondary educational institution, other than an

1 educational institution described in subparagraph (i), that is
2 located in this state, grants degrees, certificates, or other
3 recognized credentials, and is designated by the department as an
4 approved postsecondary educational institution.

5 (iii) A service academy.

6 (c) "Clock hour" means a time period consisting of any of the
7 following:

8 (i) Fifty to 60 minutes of class, lecture, or recitation in a
9 60-minute period.

10 (ii) Fifty to 60 minutes of faculty-supervised laboratory work,
11 shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period.

12 (iii) Sixty minutes of preparation in a correspondence course.

13 (d) "Cumulative grade point average" means the weighted mean
14 value of the courses considered by an approved postsecondary
15 educational institution in determining whether to award a student
16 an associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
17 vocational training program, whether the student has completed a
18 comparable vocational education program, or whether the student has
19 completed 50% or more of the academic requirements for the award of
20 a bachelor's degree, including any courses completed at another
21 approved postsecondary educational institution if the student
22 transfers the credits for those courses to the approved
23 postsecondary educational institution making that determination.

24 (e) "Department" means the department of treasury.

25 (f) "Fiscal year" means a fiscal year of this state. A fiscal
26 year begins on October 1 of a calendar year and ends on September
27 30 of the next calendar year.

1 (g) "High school graduate" means an individual who has
2 received a high school diploma from a high school ~~in this state or~~
3 passed the general educational development (GED) diploma test or
4 any other high school graduate equivalency examination approved by
5 the state board of education.

6 (h) "Michigan promise grant" means a grant awarded by the
7 department under this act.

8 (i) "Qualifying score" means a score in a reading, writing,
9 mathematics, or science component of a state assessment test that
10 has been determined by the superintendent of public instruction to
11 indicate readiness to enroll in a course in that subject area in an
12 approved postsecondary educational institution.

13 (j) "Service academy" means the United States military
14 academy, United States naval academy, United States air force
15 academy, United States coast guard academy, or United States
16 merchant marine academy.

17 (k) "State assessment test" means the Michigan merit
18 examination described in section 1279g of the revised school code,
19 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279g, and section 104b of the state school
20 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1704b, or any other test
21 administered by the department of education to students in grades
22 11 and 12 to assure state compliance with the federal no child left
23 behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

24 (l) "Trust fund" means the Michigan merit award trust fund
25 established in section 9 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA
26 489, MCL 12.259.

27 Sec. 4. (1) The Michigan promise grant program is established.

1 The department shall provide Michigan promise grants under this act
2 from the trust fund and administer the Michigan promise grant
3 program.

4 (2) Subject to subsection (3), each student who becomes a high
5 school graduate in or after the 2006-2007 academic year is eligible
6 for the award of a Michigan promise grant in an amount determined
7 under section 5 or 6.

8 (3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection
9 (2), the department must find that a student meets all of the
10 following eligibility requirements to award the student a Michigan
11 promise grant under this act:

12 (a) The department has received a completed application for
13 payment as described in section 7(1), including the certification
14 described in section 7(2) or (3), if applicable, on or before ~~the~~
15 ~~deadline established by the department~~ **NOVEMBER 15 OF THE STATE**
16 **FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT.**

17 (b) The student is a high school graduate and a resident of
18 this state.

19 (c) The student meets 1 of the following:

20 (i) For a grant under section 5, the student was awarded an
21 associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
22 vocational training program at an approved postsecondary
23 educational institution, completed a comparable vocational
24 education program approved by the department at an approved
25 postsecondary educational institution, or completed 50% or more of
26 the academic requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree at
27 an approved postsecondary educational institution within 4 years of

1 his or her initial enrollment in an approved postsecondary
2 educational institution and meets 1 of the following:

3 (A) Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

4 (B) If the student completed a vocational education program
5 that does not record grades or grade point averages for its
6 students, has successfully completed that program.

7 (ii) For a grant under section 6, the student received a
8 qualifying score in each of the reading, writing, mathematics, and
9 science components of the state assessment test, and for each
10 student who becomes a high school graduate in or after the 2010-
11 2011 academic year, successfully completes at least 3 credits in
12 mathematics as described in section 1278a(1)(a)(i) of the revised
13 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278a, and 3 credits in science
14 as described in section 1278b(1)(b) of the revised school code,
15 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

16 (d) The student took the state assessment test.

17 (e) The student enrolled in an approved postsecondary
18 educational institution within 2 years after he or she became a
19 high school graduate. The department shall extend the 2-year period
20 if the student becomes a member of the United States armed forces
21 or peace corps during the 2-year period.

22 (f) The student did not previously receive a grant under this
23 act or scholarship money under the Michigan merit award scholarship
24 act, 1999 PA 94, MCL 390.1451 to 390.1459.

25 (g) The student meets any additional eligibility requirements
26 established by the department.

27 Sec. 8. (1) The department shall ~~pay a Michigan promise grant~~

1 ~~under section 5 or a grant installment under section 6 to an~~
2 ~~approved postsecondary educational institution on the student's~~
3 ~~behalf, according to a payment procedure established by the~~
4 ~~department.~~ DISBURSE MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT MONEY TO AN APPROVED
5 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION ON THE STUDENT'S BEHALF IN THE FOLLOWING
6 STATE FISCAL YEARS, ACCORDING TO A PAYMENT PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY
7 THE DEPARTMENT:

8 (A) FOR A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT UNDER SECTION 5 OR A MICHIGAN
9 PROMISE GRANT INSTALLMENT UNDER SECTION 6(2)(C), IN THE STATE
10 FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON THE FIRST OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWING THE END OF
11 THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THAT GRANT
12 OR INSTALLMENT.

13 (B) FOR A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT INSTALLMENT UNDER SECTION
14 6(2)(A) OR (B) OR A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT UNDER SECTION 6(3), IN
15 THE STATE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1 IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR
16 IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THAT INSTALLMENT OR GRANT.

17 (2) An approved postsecondary educational institution shall
18 apply money received under subsection (1) on a student's behalf to
19 the student's outstanding indebtedness, if any, and pay the
20 remaining balance as follows:

21 (a) Unless subdivision (b) applies, to the student.

22 (b) If the money received by the institution under this
23 subsection is a grant installment under section 6(2)(a) or (b) and
24 the student elects to leave an approved postsecondary educational
25 institution without completing the classes in which he or she
26 enrolled, to the department. The student has no further right to
27 any money returned to the department under this subdivision.

1 (3) Subsection (2) shall not be considered as creating an
2 obligation on the part of an approved postsecondary educational
3 institution to loan or advance money to a student for the payment
4 of tuition, fees, or other costs or expenses incurred by the
5 student at that institution.

6 (4) The department may promulgate rules to implement and
7 administer this act, including, but not limited to, 1 or more of
8 the following:

9 (a) Rules establishing the department's administrative
10 procedures for the Michigan promise grant program.

11 (b) Rules governing the qualification requirements for or the
12 award of Michigan promise grants under this act.

13 (c) Rules establishing an appeals process from a determination
14 of ineligibility for a Michigan promise grant.

15 (d) Rules establishing what information or reports a student
16 or an approved postsecondary educational institution must provide
17 to establish eligibility and when that information or those reports
18 must be provided.

19 (e) Rules prescribing the reports to be made by a student
20 awarded a Michigan promise grant and by an approved postsecondary
21 educational institution to which a Michigan promise grant is paid.