

# SENATE BILL No. 1329

May 20, 2008, Introduced by Senators SWITALSKI, CLARK-COLEMAN and SCOTT 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.