

Legislative Analysis



TUITION GRANT ELIGIBILITY

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House Bill 6171 as referred to second committee

Sponsor: Rep. Scott VanSingel

1st Committee: Education

2nd Committee: Ways and Means

Complete to 11-30-20

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6171 would amend the Tuition Grant Act to allow undergraduate students enrolled in private colleges and universities for the 2020 spring term and the 2020-21 academic year to have two extra semesters of eligibility for the grant. Currently, eligible Michigan residents are eligible for a grant for tuition and fees at approved private colleges and universities for the equivalent of up to 10 semesters of undergraduate instruction (or up to six semesters of graduate education or up to eight semesters of dental education).

The bill would allow undergraduate students two extra semesters of grant eligibility, for a total of up to 12 semesters.

MCL 390.993

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the state but could result in increased costs to the Tuition Grant program. Undergraduate students enrolled in private colleges and universities for the 2020-21 academic year or the 2020 spring semester would have two extra semesters of Tuition Grant eligibility, which could result in increased costs to the state. However, it is unclear what the current enrollment trend has been for Tuition Grant eligible students attending private colleges due to the impact of COVID-19 or how many eligible students would use the two extra semesters.

POSITIONS:

The following organizations indicated support for the bill (9-16-20):

Department of Treasury
Education Trust Midwest
Michigan Catholic Conference
Michigan College Access Network
Michigan League for Public Policy

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