

# SENATE BILL NO. 298

May 07, 2019, Introduced by Senator MACGREGOR and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2008 PA 525, entitled "Fostering futures scholarship trust fund act," by amending section 7b (MCL 722.1027b), as added by 2014 PA 530.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 7b. A foster care student is eligible for a fostering  
2 futures scholarship if all of the following apply:

3           (a) Due to child abuse or child neglect, the foster care  
4 student was in foster care after his or her thirteenth birthday.

1           (b) The foster care student is attending ~~an~~**either of the**  
2 **following:**

3           **(i) An** institution of higher education in this state as  
4 determined by the department.

5           **(ii) A trade school or technical school in this state. As used**  
6 **in this subparagraph, "trade school" or "technical school" means a**  
7 **postsecondary institution that is designed to give a student the**  
8 **technical skills to prepare him or her for a specific occupation**  
9 **which institution qualifies as an eligible education institution as**  
10 **that term is defined in section 529(e) (5) of the internal revenue**  
11 **code, 26 USC 529, and the institution's programs lead to positive**  
12 **employment and earnings outcomes for its graduates, as determined**  
13 **by the department.**

14           (c) The foster care student has an unmet financial education  
15 need.

16           (d) The foster care student has completed the application and  
17 provided the department with the required documentation.

18           (e) The foster care student maintains satisfactory academic  
19 progress as determined by the department.