

HOUSE BILL NO. 6129

August 17, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Markkanen and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending sections 229 and 275 (MCL 388.1829 and 388.1875),
section 229 as amended by 2018 PA 265 and section 275 as amended by
2017 PA 108.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 229. (1) Each community college that receives an
- 2 appropriation in section 201 is expected to include in its



1 admission application process a specific question as to whether an
2 applicant for admission has ever served or is currently serving in
3 the United States Armed Forces or is the spouse or dependent of an
4 individual who has served or is currently serving in the United
5 States Armed Forces, in order to more quickly identify potential
6 educational assistance available to that applicant.

7 (2) It is expected that each public community college that
8 receives an appropriation in section 201 ~~shall~~**will** work with the
9 house and senate community college subcommittees, the Michigan
10 Community College Association, and veterans groups to review the
11 issue of in-district tuition for veterans of this state when
12 determining tuition rates and fees.

13 (3) **If a student of a community college receiving an**
14 **appropriation in section 201 is the spouse or dependent of an**
15 **individual currently serving in the United States Armed Forces who**
16 **has been transferred out of this state, the community college shall**
17 **consider that spouse or dependent a resident of this state for**
18 **determining his or her tuition rates and fees if the spouse or**
19 **dependent qualified as a resident of this state for determining**
20 **tuition rates and fees when the community college accepted him or**
21 **her for admission and, since admission, has been continuously**
22 **enrolled at the community college.**

23 (4) ~~(3)~~As used in this section, "veteran" means an honorably
24 discharged veteran entitled to educational assistance under ~~the~~
25 ~~provisions of~~ section 5003 of the post-911 veterans educational
26 assistance act of 2008, 38 USC 3301 to 3327.

27 Sec. 275. (1) Each public university that receives an
28 appropriation in section 236 shall do all of the following:

29 (a) Meet the provisions of section 5003 of the post-911



1 veterans educational assistance act of 2008, 38 USC 3301 to 3327,
2 including voluntary participation in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education
3 Enhancement Program established in that act in 38 USC 3317. By
4 October 1 of each year, each public university shall report to the
5 house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education,
6 the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the Michigan Association
7 of State Universities on whether or not it has chosen to
8 participate in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program.
9 If at any time during the fiscal year a university participating in
10 the Yellow Ribbon **GI Education Enhancement** Program chooses to leave
11 the ~~Yellow Ribbon Program, program,~~ it shall notify the house and
12 senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house
13 and senate fiscal agencies, and the Michigan Association of State
14 Universities.

15 (b) Establish an on-campus veterans' liaison to provide
16 information and assistance to all student veterans.

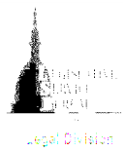
17 (c) Provide flexible enrollment application deadlines for all
18 veterans.

19 (d) Include in its admission application process a specific
20 question as to whether an applicant for admission is a veteran, an
21 active member of the military, a member of the National Guard or
22 military reserves, or the spouse or dependent of a veteran, active
23 member of the military, or member of the National Guard or military
24 reserves, in order to more quickly identify potential educational
25 assistance available to that applicant.

26 (e) Consider all veterans residents of this state for
27 determining their tuition rates and fees.

28 (f) Waive enrollment fees for all veterans.

29 (g) **If a student of the university is the spouse or dependent**



1 of an active member of the military who has been transferred out of
2 this state, consider that spouse or dependent a resident of this
3 state for determining his or her tuition rates and fees if the
4 spouse or dependent qualified as a resident of this state for
5 determining tuition rates and fees when the university accepted him
6 or her for admission and, since admission, has been continuously
7 enrolled at the university.

8 (2) By October 1 of each year, each public university shall
9 report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on
10 higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the
11 department of military and veterans affairs regarding services
12 provided specifically to veterans and active military duty
13 personnel, including, but not limited to, the services described in
14 subsection (1).

15 (3) As used in this section, "veteran" means an honorably
16 discharged veteran entitled to educational assistance under ~~the~~
17 ~~provisions of~~ section 5003 of the post-911 veterans educational
18 assistance act of 2008, 38 USC 3301 to 3327.

