

HOUSE BILL No. 4256

February 13, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Joe Young, Jr., Leland, Ciaramitaro and Joe Young, Sr. and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to create a program to pay tuition at public colleges and universities on behalf of certain students; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state agencies and public colleges and universities; and for related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "tuition payment guarantee act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assist-
5 ance authority created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960,
6 being sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

7 (b) "Participating student" means an individual who is
8 determined by the authority to be eligible under section 7 and
9 for whom the authority is paying tuition at a public college or
10 university.

1 (c) "Public college or university" means a state university
2 described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state con-
3 stitution of 1963 or a community or junior college established
4 under section 7 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963
5 or part 25 of the school code of 1976, Act No. 451 of the Public
6 Acts of 1976, being sections 380.1601 to 380.1607 of the Michigan
7 Compiled Laws.

8 (d) "School district" means a school district or local act
9 school district as defined in the school code of 1976, Act
10 No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 380.1 to
11 380.1852 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

12 Sec. 5. (1) The tuition payment guarantee program is estab-
13 lished, to be administered by the authority.

14 (2) The authority shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Determine the eligibility of applicants.

16 (b) Pay to public colleges and universities on behalf of
17 participating students the difference between the participating
18 student's tuition and the amounts received by the public college
19 or university on behalf of the participating student from the
20 other financial aid sources described in section 7(1)(h).
21 Prorated payments shall be made at the beginning of each semester
22 or term to the public college or university for credit to the
23 student's account.

24 Sec. 7. (1) An individual is eligible to be a participating
25 student in the tuition payment guarantee program established
26 under this act if he or she is determined by the authority to
27 meet all of the following requirements:

1 (a) Has resided continuously in this state for the
2 immediately preceding 24 months and is not considered a resident
3 of another state.

4 (b) His or her parent or legal guardian is a resident of
5 this state.

6 (c) Has graduated from a school district not more than 2
7 years before applying to participate, or will graduate from a
8 school district at the end of the school year during which he or
9 she applies, with a high school grade point average of at least
10 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent grade point average computed
11 on another scale, as determined by the authority.

12 (d) While enrolled in high school, successfully completed at
13 least all of the following core curriculum course work:

14 (i) Four years of English.

15 (ii) Three years of mathematics, including at least 1 year
16 of geometry, trigonometry, calculus, or a comparable advanced
17 mathematics course.

18 (iii) One year of biology.

19 (iv) One year of chemistry.

20 (v) One year of earth science, environmental science, or
21 physics.

22 (vi) One year of United States history.

23 (vii) One year of world history, world cultures, western
24 civilization, or world geography, or a combination of 2 of them.

25 (viii) One year of civics or economics, or a combination of
26 both.

- 1 (ix) One year of a survey course in fine arts; 2 years of
2 performance courses in music, dance, or theatre; or 2 years of
3 courses in studio art.
- 4 (x) Two years of a single foreign language.
- 5 (xi) One semester of computer science, computer literacy, or
6 data processing.
- 7 (xii) One year of an elective chosen from 1 of the subjects
8 described in subparagraphs (i) through (xi).
- 9 (e) Has a composite score of at least 18 on the American
10 college test (ACT) or its percentile equivalent on the scholastic
11 aptitude test (SAT).
- 12 (f) Has not been convicted of a criminal offense.
- 13 (g) Is determined by the authority to meet 1 of the follow-
14 ing financial need standards:
- 15 (i) Is the only unemancipated child in his or her family
16 less than age 21 and the average annual adjusted gross income of
17 his or her family over the immediately preceding 4 years is less
18 than \$25,000.00.
- 19 (ii) Is 1 of 2 unemancipated children in his or her family
20 less than age 21 and the average annual adjusted gross income of
21 his or her family over the immediately preceding 4 years is less
22 than \$30,000.00.
- 23 (iii) Is 1 of 3 or more unemancipated children in his or her
24 family less than age 21 and the average annual adjusted gross
25 income of his or her family over the immediately preceding 4
26 years is less than \$35,000.00.

1 (h) Applies at the appropriate time through the financial
2 aid office at a public college or university for other financial
3 aid that is available from the state or federal government or
4 from the public college or university in the form of a grant,
5 scholarship, or work-study, and accepts the financial aid. The
6 student is not required to apply for or accept an educational
7 loan.

8 (i) Is admitted to a state university as a Michigan resident
9 and certifies to the authority in writing the name of the public
10 college or university in which he or she is enrolled and his or
11 her course of study.

12 (j) Has complied with this act and the rules promulgated
13 under this act by the authority.

14 (2) A student is eligible to continue as a participating
15 student after the first year of participation if he or she is
16 determined by the authority to meet all of the following
17 requirements:

18 (a) Maintains satisfactory academic progress at the public
19 college or university in which he or she is enrolled, as defined
20 by the public college or university.

21 (b) Maintains full-time enrollment status for at least 2
22 semesters or 3 terms or quarters in the academic year at the
23 public college or university.

24 (c) Maintains academic rank in the top 50% within the col-
25 lege or division of the public college or university in which he
26 or she is enrolled.

1 (d) Is not convicted of a criminal offense.

2 (3) A participating student is not restricted in the choice
3 of study he or she wishes to pursue, except that a student who is
4 enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology,
5 divinity, or religious education is not eligible to participate.

6 (4) This act does not require a public college or university
7 to accept an applicant for enrollment or, once having admitted an
8 applicant, to continue the applicant's enrollment. A public col-
9 lege or university accepting the enrollment of a participating
10 student shall notify the authority of the participating student's
11 enrollment and, subject to section 438 of subpart 2 of part C of
12 the general education provisions act, title IV of Public Law
13 90-247, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, commonly referred to as the family edu-
14 cational rights and privacy act of 1974, shall submit annually to
15 the authority reports that the authority requires to administer
16 this act.

17 Sec. 9. The authority shall promulgate rules it considers
18 necessary to administer this act. The rules shall be promulgated
19 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of
20 the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the
21 Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall include at least all of the
22 following:

23 (a) Creation of a process for informing all school children
24 of the guarantee of tuition under this act so that they are moti-
25 vated early in their schooling to complete high school and attend
26 college.

1 (b) Applications, forms, financial and eligibility audit
2 procedures, other program audit procedures, and other matters for
3 efficient operation of the program.

4 (c) A procedure for verifying a family's average adjusted
5 gross income with the internal revenue service.

6 Sec. 11. The authority may accept gifts, grants, bequests,
7 donations, and devises from any legal source of money or other
8 real, personal, or mixed property for the funding of the program
9 described in this act. The authority shall prepare an annual
10 report of all money or other property received in accordance with
11 this section and submit the report to the governor and the
12 legislature.