

# SENATE BILL No. 56

February 6, 1991, Introduced by Senator VAUGHN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to establish a scholarship grant program for certain resident students enrolled in certain institutions of higher education in this state; to establish and prescribe conditions and funding for certain grants to institutions of higher education to provide certain services; to create an advisory committee; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to make an appropriation.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "Michigan special scholarship and education partnership act".

3       Sec. 2. 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.

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

6 (c) "Educational costs" means the actual amount charged by  
7 an institution of higher education for tuition, mandatory fees,  
8 and room and board, and an allowance for transportation, books,  
9 and supplies. If a scholarship recipient does not incur room or  
10 board charges at the institution, educational costs include an  
11 allowance for room and board.

12 (d) "Grant recipient" means an institution of higher educa-  
13 tion that has received an award of a Michigan education partner-  
14 ship grant under this act.

15 (e) "Institution of higher education" means a  
16 degree-granting community college, junior college, college, or  
17 university in this state that is approved by the state board of  
18 education.

19 (f) "Pell grant" means a grant awarded under section 411 of  
20 subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the higher education act of  
21 1965, Public Law 89-329, 20 U.S.C. 1070a.

22 (g) "Scholarship recipient" means an individual who has  
23 received an award of a Michigan special scholarship under this  
24 act.

25 Sec. 3. Michigan special scholarships are established to  
26 encourage students to pursue a postsecondary education by  
27 enabling eligible students to meet the costs of attending an

1 eligible institution of higher education. The Michigan special  
2 scholarship program shall be administered by the authority. The  
3 authority shall make the first awards under the program in the  
4 1992-1993 academic year.

5       Sec. 4. The authority shall make Michigan special scholar-  
6 ship funds available to institutions of higher education for a  
7 fiscal year in an amount proportionate to the institution's  
8 receipt of Pell grant funds for the most recent year statistics  
9 are available. An institution of higher education that receives  
10 funds under this act shall use those funds only for awards to  
11 eligible students, and not for administration of the program.

12       Sec. 5. (1) A student is eligible to participate in the  
13 Michigan special scholarship program under this act if the stu-  
14 dent meets all of the following requirements:

15       (a) Has applied for financial aid and has submitted all  
16 information the authority and the institution of higher education  
17 require from the student or, if applicable, the student's parent  
18 or spouse, on forms prescribed by the authority.

19       (b) Has graduated from a high school located within the  
20 state, will graduate at the end of the academic year in which the  
21 application is submitted from a high school located within the  
22 state, or has passed a graduate equivalency examination approved  
23 by the state board of education.

24       (c) Is under the age of 22 as of June 30 before the academic  
25 year for which the initial financial aid application is made.

26       (d) Is or will be an undergraduate student receiving  
27 financial aid for the first time.

1 (e) Is enrolled or will enroll in at least a half-time  
2 undergraduate program of study approved by the authority at an  
3 eligible institution of higher education no later than 24 months  
4 after the date that the applicant graduated from high school or  
5 passed a graduate equivalency examination approved by the state  
6 board of education. The authority may grant an exemption from  
7 this requirement to an applicant who is temporarily unable to use  
8 a scholarship awarded due to illness, military service, or  
9 another cause approved by the authority.

10 (f) Is not incarcerated in a county jail or state correc-  
11 tional institution.

12 (g) Has resided in this state continuously for the 12 months  
13 immediately preceding the date of application and is not consid-  
14 ered a resident of another state.

15 (h) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident.

16 (i) Has complied with this act and the rules promulgated  
17 under this act by the authority relating to Michigan special  
18 scholarships.

19 (j) Is certified by the financial aid officer at the eligi-  
20 ble institution of higher education as needing the scholarship in  
21 order to meet educational costs.

22 (k) Is not in default on a loan guaranteed by the  
23 authority.

24 (2) To remain eligible for a Michigan special scholarship  
25 under this act, a scholarship recipient shall maintain satisfac-  
26 tory academic progress, as defined by the institution of higher  
27 education in which the scholarship recipient is enrolled.

1       (3) A scholarship recipient is not eligible for a Michigan  
2 special scholarship for more than 10 semesters of undergraduate  
3 education, or its equivalent in trimesters or quarters, or the  
4 equivalent as determined by the authority for part-time  
5 students.

6       (4) The authority shall not award a scholarship under this  
7 act to a student who is enrolled in a program of study leading to  
8 a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.

9       Sec. 6. A qualifying student who receives a state competi-  
10 tive scholarship award under Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of  
11 1964, being sections 390.971 to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled  
12 Laws, another scholarship, work-study funds, or grant awards is  
13 eligible for a Michigan special scholarship under this act if the  
14 total amount of the student's scholarships and grants is less  
15 than the student's educational costs. The Michigan special  
16 scholarship, in combination with the other student financial aid,  
17 shall not exceed the amount of the scholarship recipient's finan-  
18 cial need as determined by uniform criteria of need established  
19 under section 7(1).

20       Sec. 7. (1) Subject to subsection (3), an institution of  
21 higher education shall determine the amount of a Michigan special  
22 scholarship to be awarded each academic year by using a uniform  
23 needs analysis standard to be established by the authority based  
24 upon the standards for determining financial need used for award-  
25 ing a Pell grant and the definition of educational costs under  
26 this act.

1       (2) The amount of each Michigan special scholarship shall  
2 not exceed the amount of the student's remaining financial need  
3 for the full academic year as reported by the institution of  
4 higher education in which the student is enrolled. The institu-  
5 tion shall give priority to students with the greatest financial  
6 need.

7       (3) The authority shall each year establish a maximum amount  
8 for a Michigan special scholarship award, based on the amount of  
9 the appropriation for the Michigan special scholarship program  
10 for that year and the number of students that are anticipated to  
11 participate in the program for that year.

12       (4) The institution of higher education shall make prorated  
13 payments of the scholarship award at the beginning of each semes-  
14 ter, trimester, or quarter to the scholarship recipient or as a  
15 credit to the scholarship recipient's account.

16       Sec. 8. The authority shall determine the amount of an  
17 allowance for transportation, books, and supplies, or the amount  
18 of an allowance for room and board, if applicable, to be used in  
19 calculating a scholarship recipient's educational costs.

20       Sec. 9. The Michigan education partnership grant program is  
21 created to assist in providing support services to students  
22 enrolled in public and nonpublic schools who are identified as  
23 having a high risk of failing to complete high school. The state  
24 board of education shall award grants on a competitive basis to  
25 institutions of higher education, or to a consortium of institu-  
26 tions of higher education, to provide support services in  
27 cooperation with school districts and nonprofit community-based

1 organizations. In an area of the state where no institution or  
2 consortium can provide appropriate support services to students,  
3 the state board of education may award a grant to a nonprofit  
4 community-based organization to provide support services in coop-  
5 eration with school districts. Support services to be provided  
6 by Michigan education partnership grant funds may include skills  
7 assessment, tutoring, academic and personal counseling, family  
8 counseling and home visits, mentoring programs, and staff devel-  
9 opment activities for personnel with direct responsibility for  
10 students.

11       Sec. 10. To qualify for a Michigan education partnership  
12 grant under this act, a proposed program shall contain all of the  
13 following program elements:

14       (a) Identify students who are at risk of failing to complete  
15 high school, as measured by the following factors:

16       (i) Academic performance.

17       (ii) Attendance.

18       (iii) Discipline problems.

19       (iv) Other factors affecting school performance, including,  
20 but not limited to, teenage pregnancy or parenting, residence in  
21 a homeless shelter or temporary living arrangement, substance  
22 abuse, child abuse or neglect, or limited English proficiency.

23       (b) Encourage and facilitate involvement in support programs  
24 by parents, community volunteers, and current or former Michigan  
25 special scholarship recipients as peer or mentor counselors.

26       (c) Provide continuity of support services throughout a  
27 student's progression through high school.

1        Sec. 11. (1) In awarding a Michigan education partnership  
2 grant under this act, the state board of education shall give  
3 priority to proposed programs that demonstrate all of the  
4 following:

5        (a) The proposed program will provide services to school  
6 districts identified by the state board of education as needing  
7 assistance in the annual report required in section 16.

8        (b) The proposed program will provide services to schools  
9 with students at risk of failing to complete high school.

10       (c) The proposed program will replicate programs of demon-  
11 strated effectiveness, including models that provide for small  
12 group involvement with low student-staff ratios.

13       (d) There is a high level of commitment by the applicant to  
14 programs in fields relevant to counseling and mentoring, includ-  
15 ing, but not limited to, education, social work, psychology, and  
16 sociology, and extensive involvement of faculty members and grad-  
17 uate or professional students from degree programs in those  
18 fields.

19       (e) There is evidence that there will be cooperation with  
20 school districts and nonprofit community-based organizations to  
21 provide support services and ensure continuity of the services  
22 until a student graduates from high school or passes a graduate  
23 equivalency examination.

24       (g) The proposed program will encourage students to pursue a  
25 postsecondary education and will assist students in applying for  
26 admission and financial aid at institutions of higher education  
27 and in preparing to enter college.



1       (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall identify  
2 model programs with proven effectiveness as described in  
3 subsection (1)(c) and shall make information on those model pro-  
4 grams available to the grant applicants.

5       Sec. 12. Allowable costs for a grant recipient include, but  
6 are not limited to, all of the following:

7       (a) Salaries of program personnel, including, but not  
8 limited to, graduate student stipends.

9       (b) Transportation costs for students and program  
10 personnel.

11       (c) Instructional materials.

12       (d) Reimbursement to school districts for release time  
13 granted to employees while participating in the planning and  
14 development of activities funded by a grant made under this act.

15       (e) Training of program personnel.

16       (f) Costs related directly to program activities, including  
17 summer and weekend activities.

18       (g) Administrative costs directly attributable to the  
19 program.

20       Sec. 13. (1) Subject to the specific appropriations pro-  
21 vided in subsection (2), the amount that shall be appropriated  
22 for funding Michigan education partnership grants shall be equal  
23 to \$750.00 multiplied by 4% of the base year enrollment of chil-  
24 dren in public and nonpublic schools in this state in grades 7  
25 through 12, as computed by the department of education.

26       (2) The following amounts are appropriated for funding  
27 Michigan education partnership grants:

1 (a) For the 1992-1993 school year, 25% of the amount  
2 computed under subsection (1).

3 (b) For the 1993-1994 school year, 50% of the amount com-  
4 puted under subsection (1).

5 (c) For the 1994-1995 school year, 75% of the amount com-  
6 puted under subsection (1).

7 (d) For the 1995-1996 school year and after, the amount com-  
8 puted under subsection (1).

9 Sec. 14. A Michigan education partnership grant awarded  
10 under this act shall not exceed the amount of \$300,000.00 for any  
11 grant year, except that a grant recipient may receive an addi-  
12 tional amount of not more than \$1,250.00 per student for each  
13 student in excess of 240 who is provided with services by the  
14 grant recipient during the grant year.

15 Sec. 15. Grant recipients shall provide students at public  
16 and nonpublic schools with the opportunity to receive services in  
17 an equitable manner consistent with the number and need of the  
18 students in each school. Services provided to nonpublic school  
19 students shall be provided at a site other than a nonpublic  
20 school.

21 Sec. 16. The state board of education shall prepare an  
22 annual report evaluating the Michigan education partnership grant  
23 programs funded under this act and making appropriate recommenda-  
24 tions concerning existing programs and desirable additional  
25 programs. The report shall be submitted to the governor, the  
26 senate majority leader, and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives on October 1 of each year beginning October 1,  
2 1993.

3       Sec. 17. (1) The Michigan special scholarship and education  
4 partnership advisory committee is created to advise the state  
5 board of education on the administration of the programs created  
6 in this act. The advisory committee shall consist of the follow-  
7 ing 11 persons appointed by the governor, including, but not  
8 limited to, all of the following:

9       (a) Two members recommended by the senate majority leader.

10       (b) Two members recommended by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives.

12       (c) Two representatives from eligible institutions of higher  
13 education.

14       (d) Two representatives from the secondary schools of this  
15 state.

16       (e) A representative from business and industry.

17       (f) A representative from labor.

18       (g) A representative from nonprofit or voluntary  
19 organizations.

20       (2) In addition to the 11 members of the advisory committee  
21 appointed under subsection (1), the superintendent of public  
22 instruction or his or her designee shall serve as an ex officio  
23 member without the right to vote.

24       (3) The governor shall designate 1 member of the advisory  
25 committee to serve as chairperson.

26       (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall make  
27 personnel available to act as staff for the advisory committee.

1       (5) The members of the advisory committee shall not receive  
2 compensation for their services, but are entitled to reimburse-  
3 ment for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the per-  
4 formance of their duties.

5       (6) No later than April 1, 1992, the advisory committee  
6 shall prepare a plan to identify counseling and support services  
7 designed to encourage students to attend college that are avail-  
8 able from institutions of higher education, high schools, govern-  
9 ment agencies, business and industry, labor, nonprofit organi-  
10 zations, and volunteers and to propose ways in which these coun-  
11 seling and support services can be coordinated to promote conti-  
12 nuity of counseling and support. The advisory committee shall  
13 also make recommendations on implementation of the plan and shall  
14 annually prepare a report to the governor, the senate majority  
15 leader, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the  
16 degree to which the plan has been successfully implemented.

17       Sec. 18. The authority shall promulgate rules to carry out  
18 the purposes of this act relating to Michigan special  
19 scholarships. The state board of education shall promulgate  
20 rules to carry out the purposes of this act relating to Michigan  
21 education partnership grants. The rules shall be promulgated  
22 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of  
23 the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the  
24 Michigan Compiled Laws.