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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

House Bill 4145
Sponsor: Rep. Kirk Profit
Committee: Higher Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4145 AS INTRODUCED 2-3-93

The bill would create the Michigan Academic Excellence Award Act to establish a \$500 academic excellence award for the top graduating student of each Michigan high school. To receive an award, a student would have to have enrolled in a Michigan college or university, and not be receiving money from any other scholarship or grant award program administered by the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority or by the state board of education. Under the provisions of the bill, students enrolled in programs of study that would lead to degrees in theology, divinity, or religious education would not qualify for the award.

Academic Achievement Formula. In determining a student's eligibility, the following academic achievement formula would be used: the quotient of the student's scholastic aptitude test (SAT) score, divided by 1.6, or the product of the student's American college testing test (ACT) composite score multiplied by 28.571 -- whichever would produce the higher total score -- added to the student's grade point average, multiplied by 250. The grade point average would be defined under the bill to mean a student's average grade on a 4.0 scale, rounded to 3 decimals, in courses in mathematics, English, science, social sciences, and foreign languages, for all semesters through the first half of the student's senior year.

Each award would be a single grant of at least \$500, but if the legislature appropriated funds exceeding that amount, then the award to each student would be correspondingly increased. Each award would be granted four to eight weeks after enrollment, and would be made in either a lump sum payment or credited to the student's university account.

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