



House Bill 4174

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Committee: Higher Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4174 AS INTRODUCED 2-9-93

Public Act 174 of 1976 requires that state colleges and universities provide free tuition for any student who is a North American Indian, provided that the student is a legal resident of the state for at least 12 consecutive months and that he or she qualifies for admission as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student. House Bill 4174 would amend the act to require that the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs also secure an agreement with each federal tribally controlled community college in the state to have tuition waived for these students, and to clarify current residency and qualification requirements.

Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs. Under the bill, the commission would be required to meet with the governing body of each federal tribally controlled community college in the state to secure an agreement that the college would waive tuition for eligible North American Indians, and that the college would accept reimbursement either in accordance with the commission's reimbursement procedures or with procedures mutually agreed to by the college and the commission. The commission would be required to complete these meetings by June 30, 1993, and to commence reimbursement procedures by July 1, 1993.

Definitions. Under the bill, the residency requirement for an eligible student would be that a student must reside continuously in the state for the 12 months immediately preceding his or her application for a tuition waiver. In addition, the bill would specify that a public college or university waive the tuition for a qualifying course for a student who met the residency requirements, rather than the current requirement which states that the student must qualify for admission. A "qualifying course" would be one that was applied by the college or university -- or that was transferable to another college or university -- toward the credits necessary for a degree or certificate. A "remedial course" -- one that could not be applied toward the credits necessary for a degree or certificate, but which was intended to prepare a student to enroll in a course that could be applied toward the necessary credits -- would also qualify as a "qualifying course."

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