



HOUSE BILL No. 4145

February 3, 1993, Introduced by Rep. Profit and referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

A bill to provide for monetary awards for certain students who attend college in this state; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of the Michigan higher education assistance authority.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the
2 Michigan academic excellence award act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assist-
5 ance authority established in section 1 of Act No. 77 of the
6 Public Acts of 1960, being section 390.951 of the Michigan
7 Compiled Laws.

8 (b) "Michigan college or university" means a degree granting
9 public or private junior college, community college, college, or

1 university located in this state that is approved by the state
2 board of education.

3 (c) "Michigan high school" means a public or nonpublic high
4 school located in this state that is approved by the state board
5 of education.

6 (d) "Qualifying graduate" means the graduating student or
7 students designated by a Michigan high school as having achieved
8 the highest final score in the graduating class on the academic
9 achievement formula set forth in section 5.

10 Sec. 3. The authority shall annually award a Michigan aca-
11 demic excellence award to the qualifying graduate of each
12 Michigan high school if he or she meets the requirements of sec-
13 tion 4. The award shall be a single grant award of at least
14 \$500.00. If the funds appropriated by the legislature for
15 Michigan academic excellence awards exceed the amount necessary
16 for an award of \$500.00 for each eligible qualifying graduate,
17 the amount of the award to each eligible qualifying graduate
18 shall be increased by an amount calculated by dividing the amount
19 of the excess funds appropriated by the number of eligible quali-
20 fying graduates for that year.

21 Sec. 4. A qualifying graduate of a Michigan high school is
22 eligible for a Michigan academic excellence award if he or she
23 meets all of the following requirements:

24 (a) Has resided in this state continuously for the 12 months
25 immediately preceding graduation and is not considered a resident
26 of another state.

1 (b) Enrolls in a Michigan college or university and is not
2 enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology,
3 divinity, or religious education.

4 (c) Does not receive money from any other scholarship or
5 grant award program administered by the authority or the state
6 board of education for the academic year in which the Michigan
7 academic excellence award is paid. In determining whether a
8 qualifying graduate meets this requirement, the authority shall
9 consult with the state board of education.

10 Sec. 5. The academic achievement formula for determining
11 the qualifying graduate of each Michigan high school is to multi-
12 ply the student's grade point average by 250 and add either the
13 quotient of the student's scholastic aptitude test (SAT) score
14 divided by 1.6 or the product of the student's American college
15 testing test (ACT) composite score multiplied by 28.571, which-
16 ever would produce the higher total score. As used in this sec-
17 tion, "grade point average" means a student's average grade on a
18 4.0 scale, rounded to 3 decimals, in courses in mathematics,
19 English, science, social sciences, and foreign language for all
20 semesters through the first half of the student's senior year.

21 Sec. 6. (1) Before payment of a Michigan academic excel-
22 lence award is made, the recipient shall certify to the authority
23 in writing the name of the Michigan college or university in
24 which the recipient is enrolled and the recipient's intent to use
25 the award for payment of educational expenses.

26 (2) At the option of the recipient, the authority shall pay
27 the award in 1 lump sum to the recipient or to the Michigan

1 college or university for credit to the student's account. The
2 payment shall be made not earlier than 4 weeks after the recipi-
3 ent enrolls in a Michigan college or university and not later
4 than 8 weeks after that enrollment.

5 Sec. 7. The authority shall promulgate rules necessary to
6 implement this act under the administrative procedures act of
7 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being
8 sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.