

# HOUSE BILL No. 4072

January 31, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Bishop, Koetje, Gosselin, Birkholz, Pappageorge, Mead, George, Cassis and Raczkowski and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled  
"Income tax act of 1967,"  
by amending section 260 (MCL 206.260), as amended by 1996 PA  
484.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 260. (1) A taxpayer may credit against the tax imposed  
2 by this act for the tax year, an amount, subject to the applica-  
3 ble limitations provided by this section, equal to 50% of the  
4 aggregate amount of charitable contributions made by the taxpayer  
5 during the tax year to any of the following:

6       (a) This state pursuant to the Faxon-McNamee art in public  
7 places act, ~~Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sec-~~  
8 ~~tions 18.71 to 18.81 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1980 PA 105,  
9 MCL 18.71 TO 18.81, of an artwork created by the taxpayer, for  
10 display in a public place.

1 (b) The state art in public places fund created pursuant to  
2 ~~Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1980~~ THE FAXON-MCNAMEE ART IN  
3 PUBLIC PLACES ACT, 1980 PA 105, MCL 18.71 TO 18.81.

4 (c) A municipality in this state of an artwork created by  
5 the personal effort of the taxpayer for display in a public  
6 place.

7 (d) Either a municipality of this state or a nonprofit cor-  
8 poration affiliated with both a municipality and an art institute  
9 located in the municipality, of money or artwork, whether or not  
10 created by the personal effort of the taxpayer, if for the pur-  
11 pose of benefiting an art institute located in that  
12 municipality.

13 (e) A public library.

14 (f) A public broadcast station as defined by section 397 of  
15 subpart ~~d~~ E of PART IV OF title III of the communications act  
16 of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 397, that is not affiliated with an institu-  
17 tion of higher education and that is located within this state.

18 (g) An institution of higher learning located within this  
19 state.

20 (h) The Michigan colleges foundation.

21 (i) The state museum.

22 (j) The department of state for the purpose of preservation  
23 of the state archives.

24 (k) A nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or  
25 association organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of  
26 institutions of higher learning located within this state. A tax  
27 credit for a contribution described in this subdivision is

1 permitted only if the donee corporation, fund, foundation, trust,  
2 or association is controlled or approved and reviewed by the gov-  
3 erning board of the institution benefiting from the charitable  
4 contribution. The nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation,  
5 trust, or association shall provide copies of its annual indepen-  
6 dently audited financial statements to the auditor general of  
7 this state and chairpersons of the senate and house appropria-  
8 tions committees.

9 (1) AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY OR ORGANIZATION. A CONTRIBUTION  
10 TO AN ENTITY LISTED IN SECTION 261 SHALL NOT BE USED TO CALCULATE  
11 A CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.

12 (2) For a taxpayer other than a resident estate or trust,  
13 the amount allowable as a credit under this section for a tax  
14 year shall not exceed \$100.00, or for a husband and wife filing a  
15 joint return as provided in section 311, \$200.00.

16 (3) For a resident estate or trust, the amount allowable as  
17 a credit under this section for a tax year shall not exceed 10%  
18 of the tax liability for the year as determined without regard to  
19 this section or \$5,000.00, whichever is less and shall not have  
20 been deducted in arriving at federal taxable income.

21 (4) As used in this section:

22 (a) "Institution of higher learning" means only an educa-  
23 tional institution located within this state that meets all of  
24 the following requirements:

25 (i) It maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and has a  
26 regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place  
27 where its educational activities are carried on.

(ii) It regularly offers education above the twelfth grade.

(iii) It awards associate, bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees or a combination of those degrees or higher education credits acceptable for those degrees granted by other institutions of higher learning.

(iv) It is recognized by the state board of education as an institution of higher learning and appears as an institution of higher learning in the annual publication of the department of education entitled "The Directory of Institutions of Higher Education".

(b) "Public library" means that term as defined in section 2 of the state aid to public libraries act, ~~Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of 1977, being section 397.552 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1977 PA 89, MCL 397.552.

(c) "Contributions made by the taxpayer" means, but is not limited to, the fair market value of artwork created by the personal effort of the taxpayer that is donated to and accepted as a donation by a qualified organization. The fair market value of a piece of artwork shall be determined at the time of the donation by independent appraisal.

(d) "Artwork" means an original, visual creation of quality executed in any size or shape, in any media, using any kind or type of materials.

(E) "EDUCATIONAL FACILITY OR ORGANIZATION" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(i) AN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

1       (ii) A CONTINUING EDUCATION, A COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OR AN  
2 ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A PUBLIC  
3 SCHOOL ACADEMY.

4       (F) "EDUCATION FOUNDATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
5 APPLIES FOR CERTIFICATION ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1 OF THE TAX YEAR  
6 FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER IS CLAIMING THE CREDIT THAT ANNUALLY SUB-  
7 MITS DOCUMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT DEMONSTRATES CONTINUED  
8 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBDIVISION, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT CERTI-  
9 FIES FOR THAT TAX YEAR AS MEETING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
10 REQUIREMENTS:

11       (i) QUALIFIES FOR EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION  
12 UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

13       (ii) MAINTAINS AN ONGOING PROGRAM TO ATTRACT NEW FUNDS BY  
14 SEEKING GIFTS AND BEQUESTS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF POTENTIAL DONORS  
15 IN THE COMMUNITY OR AREA SERVED.

16       (iii) ALL FUNDS, GIFTS, AND BEQUESTS ARE EXCLUSIVELY DEDI-  
17 CATED TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY OR A FOUNDA-  
18 TION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 509(a)(1) OR 509(a)(3) OF THE INTERNAL  
19 REVENUE CODE THAT IS LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY OR AREA SERVED AND  
20 THAT IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE.

21       (iv) IS PUBLICLY SUPPORTED AS DEFINED BY THE REGULATIONS OF  
22 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,  
23 26 C.F.R. 1.170A-9(e)(10).

24       (v) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TREATMENT AS A SINGLE ENTITY  
25 CONTAINED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
26 TREASURY, 26 C.F.R. 1.170A-9(e)(11).

1       (vi) IS INCORPORATED OR ESTABLISHED AS A TRUST AT LEAST 6  
2 MONTHS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT  
3 IS CLAIMED.

4       (vii) HAS AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNING BODY REPRESENTING THE  
5 GENERAL PUBLIC'S INTEREST AND THAT IS NOT APPOINTED BY A SINGLE  
6 OUTSIDE ENTITY.

7       (viii) IS SUBJECT TO A PROGRAM REVIEW EACH YEAR AND AN INDE-  
8 PENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT EVERY 3 YEARS AND PROVIDES COPIES OF THE  
9 REVIEWS AND AUDITS TO THE DEPARTMENT NOT MORE THAN 3 MONTHS AFTER  
10 THE REVIEW OR AUDIT IS COMPLETED.

11       (G) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ACT  
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS THOSE TERMS  
13 ARE DEFINED IN THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 TO  
14 380.1852.

15       (5) The sum of the credits allowed by section 257 and this  
16 section shall not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer.