

HOUSE BILL No. 5968

April 25, 2002, Introduced by Rep. Hart and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1999 PA 94, entitled
"Michigan merit award scholarship act,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 390.1457).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 7. (1) The Michigan merit award scholarship program is
2 established. The board shall administer the Michigan merit award
3 scholarship program.

4 (2) Subject to subsection (6), each student enrolled in
5 grade 11 in or after the 1998-1999 school year who meets the
6 requirements of subsection (4), and subject to adjustment under
7 subsection (5), is eligible for the award of a \$2,500.00 Michigan
8 merit award scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved
9 postsecondary educational institution in this state or the award
10 of a \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is
11 enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution

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outside this state if the board finds that the student while in high school has taken the assessment test in the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, OR BEGINNING WITH ASSESSMENT TESTS TAKEN BY STUDENTS AFTER THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, and meets 1 of the following:

(a) Has received qualifying results in each of the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, OR BEGINNING WITH ASSESSMENT TESTS TAKEN BY STUDENTS AFTER THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

(b) Did not receive qualifying results in 1 or 2 of the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, OR BEGINNING WITH ASSESSMENT TESTS TAKEN BY STUDENTS AFTER THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, but received an overall score in the top 25% of a nationally recognized college admission examination.

(c) Did not receive qualifying results in 1 or 2 of the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, OR BEGINNING WITH ASSESSMENT TESTS TAKEN BY STUDENTS AFTER THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, but received a qualifying score or scores as determined by the board on a nationally recognized job skills assessment test designated by the board.

(3) Subject to subsection (6) and to adjustment under subsection (5), a student who was enrolled in grade 7 in or after the 1999-2000 school year and who the board finds has taken the

1 assessment test in each of the subject areas while in grades 7
2 and 8 is eligible for 1 of the following additional Michigan
3 merit award scholarships:

4 (A) IN SCHOOL YEARS BEFORE THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR, 1 OF
5 THE FOLLOWING:

6 (i) ~~-(a)-~~ If the board finds that the student while in
7 grades 7 and 8 received qualifying results in 2 of the subject
8 areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an addi-
9 tional Michigan merit award scholarship of \$250.00.

10 (ii) ~~-(b)-~~ If the board finds that the student while in
11 grades 7 and 8 received qualifying results in 3 of the subject
12 areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an addi-
13 tional Michigan merit award scholarship of \$375.00.

14 (iii) ~~-(c)-~~ If the board finds that the student while in
15 grades 7 and 8 received qualifying results in all of the subject
16 areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an addi-
17 tional Michigan merit award scholarship of \$500.00.

18 (B) BEGINNING WITH ASSESSMENT TESTS TAKEN BY STUDENTS AFTER
19 THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (i) IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE STUDENT WHILE IN GRADES 7
21 AND 8 RECEIVED QUALIFYING RESULTS IN 2 OF THE SUBJECT AREAS OF
22 READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, AN
23 ADDITIONAL MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP OF \$200.00.

24 (ii) IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE STUDENT WHILE IN GRADES 7
25 AND 8 RECEIVED QUALIFYING RESULTS IN 3 OF THE SUBJECT AREAS OF
26 READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, AN
27 ADDITIONAL MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP OF \$300.00.

(iii) IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE STUDENT WHILE IN GRADES 7 AND 8 RECEIVED QUALIFYING RESULTS IN 4 OF THE SUBJECT AREAS OF READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, AN ADDITIONAL MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP OF \$400.00.

(iv) IF THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE STUDENT WHILE IN GRADES 7 AND 8 RECEIVED QUALIFYING RESULTS IN ALL OF THE SUBJECT AREAS OF READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, AN ADDITIONAL MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP OF \$500.00.

(4) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsections (2) and (3), to be eligible for the award of 1 or both Michigan merit award scholarships under this section, the board must find that a student satisfies all of the following:

(a) The student has graduated from high school or passed the general educational development (GED) test or other graduate equivalency examination approved by the state board.

(b) The student graduated from high school or passed the general educational development (GED) test or other graduate equivalency examination approved by the state board within the 7-year period preceding the student's application to receive his or her Michigan merit award scholarship money.

(c) The student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution. For students who qualify under subsection (2)(c), the student is enrolled in a vocational or technical education program at an approved postsecondary educational institution.

(d) The student has not been convicted of a felony involving an assault, physical injury, or death.

1 (e) The student satisfies any additional eligibility
2 requirements established by the board.

3 (5) In any fiscal year, the board may adjust the amount of a
4 Michigan merit award scholarship available to students eligible
5 under 1 or more of subsections (2), (3), and (9), based upon its
6 determination of available resources and amounts appropriated,
7 but the board shall not increase an amount by more than 5% in any
8 fiscal year. The board shall notify the governor, the speaker of
9 the house of representatives, and the majority leader of the
10 senate in writing at least 30 days before an adjustment under
11 this subsection.

12 (6) For assessment tests administered after January 1, 2000,
13 the board shall not use the assessment test to determine eligi-
14 bility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under this section
15 for a particular year unless the board has reviewed and approved
16 the assessment test before it was administered for that year.

17 (7) The board shall provide each student written notice of
18 whether or not the student is eligible for the award of 1 or more
19 Michigan merit award scholarships described in this section. If
20 the student is eligible, the written notice shall also contain
21 the Michigan merit award scholarship amount for which the student
22 is eligible, how the student applies for payment of Michigan
23 merit award scholarship, and any other information the board con-
24 siderers necessary regarding qualification requirements or condi-
25 tions relating to the use of the Michigan merit award
26 scholarship.

1 (8) It is the intent of the legislature that the level of
2 student performance required to achieve qualifying results in a
3 subject area of an assessment test remains approximately the
4 same, and that the board not reduce the required level of student
5 performance as a means of increasing the number of Michigan merit
6 award scholarships awarded.

7 (9) If a student who has previously received a \$1,000.00
8 Michigan merit award scholarship as a student enrolled in an
9 approved postsecondary educational institution outside of this
10 state enrolls in an approved postsecondary educational institu-
11 tion in this state and meets the requirements of subsection (4),
12 and subject to adjustment under subsection (5), the student is
13 eligible for the award of an additional \$1,500.00 Michigan merit
14 award scholarship.

15 (10) A pupil who does not initially receive qualifying
16 results shall be extended an opportunity to achieve the requisite
17 qualifying results by taking a subsequent assessment test.

18 (11) A nonpublic school student or home school student may
19 take, and the board shall administer if requested, an assessment
20 test at a site designated by the board.

21 (12) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SOCIAL STUDIES" MEANS THAT
22 TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1279 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976
23 PA 451, MCL 380.1279.