

SENATE BILL No. 72

January 28, 2003, Introduced by Senators SANBORN, ALLEN, CROPSEY, BISHOP, McMANUS, BASHAM, GILBERT, HARDIMAN, PATTERSON, KUIPERS, GOSCHKA, Van WOERKOM, GARCIA, BARCIA, BIRKHOLZ, OLSHOVE, GEORGE, STAMAS and BROWN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to create the pregnant and parenting student services fund; to provide grants to encourage certain institutions of higher education to establish and operate a pregnant and parenting student services office for pregnant and parenting students attending the institution; to prescribe the powers and duties of a pregnant and parenting student services office; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "pregnant and parenting student services act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of community health.

5 (b) "Fund" means the pregnant and parenting student services
6 fund created in section 3.

7 (c) "Institution of higher education" means a degree or

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1 certificate granting public or private college or university,
2 junior college, or community college in this state.

3 (d) "Office" means a pregnant and parenting student services
4 office established and operated by an institution of higher
5 education and described in section 5.

6 Sec. 3. (1) The pregnant and parenting student services
7 fund is established in the department of treasury. The fund
8 shall consist of << >> money allocated, donated, or
9 paid to the fund from any source<< >> and interest and earnings from
10 fund investments.

11 (2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
12 fund.

13 (3) Money in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall
14 remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund.

15 (4) Money in the fund <<shall be disbursed>> for grants under
16 this act and the administrative costs of the department <<and the
17 department of treasury>> in
18 implementing and administering this act.

19 (5) The state treasurer shall make a grant from the fund to
20 an institution of higher education upon receipt of a written
21 notice from the department under section 4.

22 Sec. 4. (1) An institution of higher education that has
23 established and operates or agrees to establish and operate an
24 office that meets the requirements of section 5 is eligible for
25 and may receive a grant under subsection (2). The department may
26 establish the form or format of the grant application, and the
27 department may require that an institution of higher education
provide additional information after the department has reviewed

1 its grant application.

2 (2) The department may award a grant to 1 or more
3 institutions of higher education eligible under subsection (1),
4 but the department shall not award more than 4 grants, for pilot
5 programs, during the first year after the effective date of this
6 act. The department shall determine which, and how many,
7 eligible institutions of higher education shall receive a grant
8 to establish and operate an office.

9 (3) If the department awards a grant under this section, it
10 shall provide a written notice to the state treasurer that
11 contains the name of the institution of higher education
12 receiving the grant and the amount of the grant and requests
13 payment of the grant amount from the fund.

14 Sec. 5. (1) An institution of higher education may
15 establish and operate a pregnant and parenting student services
16 office. An office shall meet all of the following:

17 (a) Be located on the campus of the institution of higher
18 education.

19 (b) Annually assess the performance of the institution and
20 the office in meeting the following needs of students on campus
21 who are pregnant or who are a custodial parent or legal guardian
22 of a minor:

23 (i) Comprehensive student health care.

24 (ii) Family housing.

25 (iii) Child care.

26 (iv) Flexible or alternative academic scheduling.

27 (v) Education concerning responsible parenting for mothers

1 and fathers.

2 (c) Identify public and private service providers qualified
3 to meet the needs described in subdivision (b), both on campus
4 and within the local community, and establish programs with
5 qualified providers it selects to meet those needs.

6 (d) Assist students in locating and obtaining services that
7 meet 1 or more of the needs described in subdivision (b).

8 (e) If appropriate, provide referrals on prenatal care and
9 delivery, infant or foster care, or adoption, and on family
10 planning, to individual students who request that information.
11 An office shall not provide referrals for abortion services.

12 (f) By the date determined by the department, provide the
13 department with an annual report that itemizes the office's
14 expenditures during the preceding fiscal year and contains a
15 review and evaluation of the performance of the office in
16 fulfilling its obligations under this subsection.

17 (2) The department shall identify specific performance
18 criteria and standards that the office shall use in preparing the
19 annual report required under subsection (1). The department may
20 establish the form or format of the report. The department may
21 require that an office provide additional information after it
22 has reviewed the report.

23 Sec. 6. The department may promulgate rules pursuant to the
24 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
25 24.328, to implement and administer this act.