

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1156

A bill to amend 1999 PA 94, entitled "Michigan merit award scholarship act," by amending sections 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (MCL 390.1452, 390.1456, 390.1457, 390.1458, and 390.1459), sections 2 and 7 as amended by 2002 PA 736, section 6 as amended by 2002 PA 537, and section 8 as amended by 2004 PA 69, and by adding sections 7a and 7b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 2       (a) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means
- 3 any of the following:
- 4       (i) A degree or certificate granting public or private
- 5 college or university, junior college, or community college.
- 6       (ii) A service academy.
- 7       (iii) An educational institution, other than an educational
- 8 institution described in subparagraph (i) or (ii), granting

1 degrees, certificates, or other recognized credentials and  
2 designated by the board as an approved postsecondary educational  
3 institution.

4 (iv) A program of an educational institution, other than an  
5 educational institution described in subparagraph (i) or (ii),  
6 granting degrees, certificates, or other recognized credentials  
7 and designated by the board as an approved postsecondary  
8 educational institution.

9 (b) "Assessment test" means the ~~Michigan education~~  
10 ~~assessment program (MEAP) subject area assessments or any~~  
11 ~~successor assessment test designated by the board~~ **middle school**  
12 **assessment test, the high school assessment test, or the Michigan**  
13 **merit examination.**

14 (c) "Board" means the Michigan merit award board established  
15 in this act.

16 (d) "Department of career development" means the department  
17 of career development created in Executive Order No. 1999-1.

18 (e) "Eligible costs" means tuition and fees charged by an  
19 approved postsecondary educational institution; related costs for  
20 room, board, books, supplies, transportation, or day care; and  
21 other costs determined by the board.

22 (f) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of this state.

23 (g) **"High school assessment test" means the state assessments**  
24 **described in section 1279 of the revised school code, 1976 PA**  
25 **451, MCL 380.1279, and section 104a of the state school aid act,**  
26 **1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1704a.**

27 (h) ~~(g)~~ "Michigan merit award scholarship" means a

1 scholarship awarded by the board under section 7 or 7a.

2 (i) "Michigan merit examination" means the Michigan merit  
3 examination described in section 1279g of the revised school  
4 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279g, and section 104b of the state  
5 school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1704b.

6 (j) "Middle school assessment test" means the Michigan  
7 education assessment program (MEAP) subject area assessments  
8 given in grades 7 and 8 or any successor assessment test  
9 designated by the board.

10 (k) ~~(h)~~ "Qualifying results" means assessment test results,  
11 scores, or ranges of scores determined by the board that qualify  
12 a ~~student~~ pupil for a Michigan merit award scholarship under  
13 section 7 or 7a.

14 (l) ~~(i)~~ "Service academy" means the United States military  
15 academy, United States naval academy, United States air force  
16 academy, United States coast guard academy, or United States  
17 merchant marine academy.

18 (m) ~~(j)~~ "State board" means the state board of education.

19 (n) ~~(k)~~ "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public  
20 instruction.

21 (o) ~~(l)~~ "Tobacco settlement revenue" means money received  
22 by this state that is attributable to the master settlement  
23 agreement incorporated into a consent decree and final judgment  
24 entered on December 7, 1998 in Kelley Ex Rel. Michigan v Philip  
25 Morris Incorporated, et al., Ingham county circuit court, docket  
26 no. 96-84281CZ.

27 (p) ~~(m)~~ "Trust fund" means the Michigan merit award trust

1 fund established in section 3.

2       Sec. 6. (1) The board shall conduct business in compliance  
3 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

4 The board shall give public notice of the time, date, and place  
5 of meetings of the board in the manner required by the open  
6 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

7       (2) The board shall meet not less than annually and shall  
8 keep a record of its proceedings. The board shall make any  
9 writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained  
10 by the board in the performance of an official function available  
11 to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act,  
12 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

13       (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), the board shall  
14 obtain and make available to the public all of the qualifying  
15 questions and answers, along with the corresponding answer key,  
16 to a **high school assessment test or a middle school assessment**  
17 ~~tests~~ **test** administered during the spring of the preceding  
18 school year not later than September 1. **The board shall obtain**  
19 **and make available to the public preparatory materials for the**  
20 **Michigan merit examination that contain sample test questions and**  
21 **correct answers.**

22       (4) If any question ~~will be used~~ **is designated by the state**  
23 **board of education for use** in a future **high school assessment**  
24 **test or middle school** assessment test for validity purposes, the  
25 board may elect not to make that question and the answer  
26 available to the public under subsection (3) for a period of up  
27 to 2 years from the date the assessment test that first includes

1 the question is administered.

2 (5) By December 1 of each year, the board shall submit a  
3 report on its activities to the governor and to the legislature.

4 The report shall contain all of the following information:

5 (a) A list of approved postsecondary educational institutions  
6 for the current and immediately preceding fiscal years.

7 (b) The number of Michigan merit award scholarships awarded  
8 and the total amount of Michigan merit award scholarship money  
9 paid in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

10 (c) A projection of revenues and expenditures from the trust  
11 fund for the current fiscal year and the next 10 fiscal years.

12 (d) The dollar amount of the Michigan merit award  
13 scholarships available under ~~section 7(2) and (3)~~ **sections 7**  
14 **and 7a** in the current fiscal year, the amount of any adjustments  
15 to the dollar amount under ~~section 7(5)~~ **sections 7(4) and 7a(2)**  
16 from the beginning of the immediately preceding fiscal year, and  
17 any adjustments to the dollar amount projected for the remainder  
18 of the current fiscal year or for the next fiscal year.

19 (e) All of the following results, scores, or ranges of  
20 scores:

21 (i) Used as qualifying results in the immediately preceding  
22 fiscal year.

23 (ii) Determined by the board as qualifying results in the  
24 current fiscal year.

25 (iii) Projected by the board as qualifying results for the  
26 next fiscal year.

27 (f) For the immediately preceding fiscal year, the number of

1 ~~students~~ **pupils** who took the assessment tests, the number of  
2 ~~students~~ **pupils** by subject area who received qualifying  
3 results, the number of graduating high school seniors who met the  
4 requirements for a Michigan merit award scholarship, and the  
5 total number of ~~students~~ **pupils** who met the requirements for a  
6 Michigan merit award scholarship.

7 (g) The number of persons participating in and the amount  
8 awarded in the immediately preceding fiscal year under the  
9 tuition incentive program described in section 310 of ~~2002 PA~~  
10 ~~144~~ **2003 PA 144** or a successor to that program.

11 (6) At least 60 days before changing the results, scores, or  
12 ranges of scores used as qualifying results, the board shall  
13 provide written notice of its intent to change the results,  
14 scores, or ranges of scores used as qualifying results, and a  
15 report explaining the board's decision to change the results,  
16 scores, or ranges of scores used as qualifying results, to the  
17 standing committees of the senate and the house of  
18 representatives that have primary jurisdiction over legislation  
19 pertaining to education. The standing committees shall review  
20 the board's report and may hold hearings on the board's  
21 decision.

22 Sec. 7. (1) The Michigan merit award scholarship program is  
23 established. The board shall administer the Michigan merit award  
24 scholarship program.

25 (2) Subject to subsection (6) **and section 7b(2) and (5), and**  
26 **to adjustment under subsection (4)**, each student enrolled in  
27 grade 11 in or after the 1998-1999 school year **and before the**

1 **2006-2007 school year** who meets the requirements of ~~subsection~~  
2 ~~(4), and subject to adjustment under subsection (5),~~ **section**  
3 **7b(1)** is eligible for the award of a \$2,500.00 Michigan merit  
4 award scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved  
5 postsecondary educational institution in this state or in a  
6 service academy, or the award of a \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award  
7 scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved  
8 postsecondary educational institution outside this state other  
9 than a service academy, if the board finds that the student while  
10 in high school has taken the **high school** assessment test in the  
11 subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science and  
12 meets 1 of the following:

13 (a) Has received qualifying results in each of the subject  
14 areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

15 (b) Did not receive qualifying results in 1 or 2 of the  
16 subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, but  
17 received an overall score in the top 25% of a nationally  
18 recognized college admission examination.

19 (c) Did not receive qualifying results in 1 or 2 of the  
20 subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, but  
21 received a qualifying score or scores as determined by the board  
22 on a nationally recognized job skills assessment test designated  
23 by the board.

24 ~~(3) Subject to subsection (6) and to adjustment under~~  
25 ~~subsection (5), a student who was enrolled in grade 7 in or after~~  
26 ~~the 1999-2000 school year and who the board finds has taken the~~  
27 ~~assessment test in each of the subject areas while in grades 7~~

~~1 and 8 is eligible for 1 of the following additional Michigan  
2 merit award scholarships:~~

~~3 — (a) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7 and  
4 8 received qualifying results in 2 of the subject areas of  
5 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an additional  
6 Michigan merit award scholarship of \$250.00.~~

~~7 — (b) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7 and  
8 8 received qualifying results in 3 of the subject areas of  
9 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an additional  
10 Michigan merit award scholarship of \$375.00.~~

~~11 — (c) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7 and  
12 8 received qualifying results in all of the subject areas of  
13 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an additional  
14 Michigan merit award scholarship of \$500.00.~~

~~15 — (4) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsections  
16 (2) and (3), to be eligible for the award of 1 or both Michigan  
17 merit award scholarships under this section, the board must find  
18 that a student satisfies all of the following:~~

~~19 — (a) The student has graduated from high school or passed the  
20 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate  
21 equivalency examination approved by the state board.~~

~~22 — (b) The student graduated from high school or passed the  
23 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate  
24 equivalency examination approved by the state board within 1 of  
25 the following time periods:~~

~~26 — (i) If the student graduated from high school or passed the  
27 test or examination before March 1, 2002, within the 7 year~~

~~1 period preceding the student's application to receive his or her  
2 Michigan merit award scholarship money.~~

~~3 ——— (ii) If the student graduated on or after March 1, 2002,  
4 within the 4 year period preceding the date of the student's  
5 application to receive his or her Michigan merit award  
6 scholarship money, or if the student becomes a member of the  
7 United States armed forces or peace corps during this 4 year  
8 period and serves for 4 years or less, the 4 year period is  
9 extended by a period equal to the number of days the student  
10 served as a member of the United States armed forces or peace  
11 corps. The board may also extend the 4 year period if the board  
12 determines that an extension is warranted because of an illness  
13 or disability of the student or in the student's immediate family  
14 or another family emergency.~~

~~15 ——— (c) The student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary  
16 educational institution. For students who qualify under  
17 subsection (2)(c), the student is enrolled in a vocational or  
18 technical education program at an approved postsecondary  
19 educational institution.~~

~~20 ——— (d) The student has not been convicted of a felony involving  
21 an assault, physical injury, or death.~~

~~22 ——— (e) The student satisfies any additional eligibility  
23 requirements established by the board.~~

**24 (3) Subject to subsection (6) and section 7b(5) and to  
25 adjustment under subsection (4), each student enrolled in grade  
26 11 in or after the 2006-2007 school year who meets the  
27 requirements of section 7b(1) is eligible for the award of a**

1 \$2,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is  
2 enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution in  
3 this state or in a service academy, or the award of a \$1,000.00  
4 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is enrolled in an  
5 approved postsecondary educational institution outside this state  
6 other than a service academy, if the board finds that the student  
7 while in high school has taken the Michigan merit examination and  
8 received qualifying results in each of the subject area  
9 components of the Michigan merit examination.

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

19 ~~(6) For assessment tests administered after January 1, 2000,~~  
20 ~~the board shall not use the assessment test to determine~~  
21 ~~eligibility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under this~~  
22 ~~section for a particular year unless the board has reviewed and~~  
23 ~~approved the assessment test before it was administered for that~~  
24 ~~year.~~

25 ~~—— (7) The board shall provide each student written notice of~~  
26 ~~whether or not the student is eligible for the award of 1 or more~~  
27 ~~Michigan merit award scholarships described in this section. If~~

1 ~~the student is eligible, the written notice shall also contain~~  
2 ~~the Michigan merit award scholarship amount for which the student~~  
3 ~~is eligible, how the student applies for payment of Michigan~~  
4 ~~merit award scholarship, and any other information the board~~  
5 ~~considers necessary regarding qualification requirements or~~  
6 ~~conditions relating to the use of the Michigan merit award~~  
7 ~~scholarship.~~

8 ~~—— (8) It is the intent of the legislature that the level of~~  
9 ~~student performance required to achieve qualifying results in a~~  
10 ~~subject area of an assessment test remains approximately the~~  
11 ~~same, and that the board not reduce the required level of student~~  
12 ~~performance as a means of increasing the number of Michigan merit~~  
13 ~~award scholarships awarded.~~

14 (5) ~~—(9)—~~ If a student who has previously received a  
15 \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award scholarship **under this section** as  
16 a student enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational  
17 institution outside of this state other than a service academy  
18 enrolls in an approved postsecondary educational institution in  
19 this state and meets the requirements of ~~subsection (4)~~ **section**  
20 **7b(1)**, and subject to adjustment under subsection ~~—(5)—~~ **(4)**, the  
21 student is eligible for the award of an additional \$1,500.00  
22 Michigan merit award scholarship.

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

26 ~~—— (11) A nonpublic school student or home school student may~~  
27 ~~take, and the board shall administer if requested, an assessment~~

1 ~~test at a site designated by the board.~~

2 (6) If the United States department of education has not  
3 approved the use of the Michigan merit examination for the  
4 purposes of the federal no child left behind act of 2001, Public  
5 Law 107-110, by December 31, 2006, all of the following apply:

6 (a) Eligibility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under  
7 this section shall be determined under subsection (2) until the  
8 next calendar year that begins after that approval occurs.

9 (b) Eligibility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under  
10 this section shall be determined under subsection (3) beginning  
11 in the next calendar year that begins after that approval occurs.

12 Sec. 7a. (1) Subject to section 7b(2) and to adjustment  
13 under subsection (2), a student who was enrolled in grade 7 in or  
14 after the 1999-2000 school year, who meets the requirements of  
15 section 7b(1), and who the board finds has taken the middle  
16 school assessment test in each of the subject areas while in  
17 grades 7 and 8 is eligible for 1 of the following Michigan merit  
18 award scholarships:

19 (a) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7 and  
20 8 received qualifying results in 2 of the subject areas of  
21 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, a Michigan merit  
22 award scholarship of \$250.00.

23 (b) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7 and  
24 8 received qualifying results in 3 of the subject areas of  
25 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, a Michigan merit  
26 award scholarship of \$375.00.

27 (c) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7 and

1 8 received qualifying results in all of the subject areas of  
2 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, a Michigan merit  
3 award scholarship of \$500.00.

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

12 Sec. 7b. (1) In addition to the requirements set forth in  
13 section 7(2) or (3) or section 7a(1), to be eligible for the  
14 award of a Michigan merit award scholarship under this act, the  
15 board must find that a student satisfies all of the following:

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

19 (b) The student graduated from high school or passed the  
20 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate  
21 equivalency examination approved by the state board within 1 of  
22 the following time periods:

23 (i) If the student graduated from high school or passed the  
24 test or examination before March 1, 2002, within the 7-year  
25 period preceding the student's application to receive his or her  
26 Michigan merit award scholarship money.

27 (ii) If the student graduated on or after March 1, 2002,

1 within the 4-year period preceding the date of the student's  
2 application to receive his or her Michigan merit award  
3 scholarship money, or if the student becomes a member of the  
4 United States armed forces or peace corps during this 4-year  
5 period and serves for 4 years or less, the 4-year period is  
6 extended by a period equal to the number of days the student  
7 served as a member of the United States armed forces or peace  
8 corps. The board may also extend the 4-year period if the board  
9 determines that an extension is warranted because of an illness  
10 or disability of the student or in the student's immediate family  
11 or another family emergency.

12 (c) The student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary  
13 educational institution. For students who qualify under section  
14 7(2)(c), the student is enrolled in a vocational or technical  
15 education program at an approved postsecondary educational  
16 institution.

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

19 (e) The student satisfies any additional eligibility  
20 requirements established by the board.

21 (2) For a middle school assessment test or high school  
22 assessment test administered after January 1, 2000, the board  
23 shall not use that assessment test to determine eligibility for a  
24 Michigan merit award scholarship under this section for a  
25 particular year unless the board has reviewed and approved that  
26 assessment test before it was administered for that year.

27 (3) The board shall provide each pupil written notice of

1 whether or not the pupil is eligible for the award of 1 or more  
2 Michigan merit award scholarships described in this act. If the  
3 pupil is eligible, the written notice shall also contain the  
4 Michigan merit award scholarship amount for which the pupil is  
5 eligible, how the pupil applies for payment of Michigan merit  
6 award scholarship, and any other information the board considers  
7 necessary regarding qualification requirements or conditions  
8 relating to the use of the Michigan merit award scholarship.

9 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the level of  
10 pupil performance required to achieve qualifying results in a  
11 subject area of an assessment test remains approximately the  
12 same, and that the board not reduce the required level of pupil  
13 performance as a means of increasing the number of Michigan merit  
14 award scholarships awarded.

15 (5) A pupil who does not initially receive qualifying results  
16 shall be extended an opportunity to achieve the requisite  
17 qualifying results by taking a subsequent assessment test. A  
18 pupil described in this subsection who is enrolled in grade 12 in  
19 the 2006-2007 school year, or enrolled in grade 12 in the first  
20 calendar year after the approval described in section 7(6) occurs  
21 if that subsection applies, may elect either of the following:

22 (a) To take the high school assessment test for the purpose  
23 of qualifying for a Michigan merit award scholarship under  
24 section 7(2).

25 (b) To take the Michigan merit examination for the purpose of  
26 qualifying for a Michigan merit award scholarship under section  
27 7(3).

1           (6) A nonpublic school pupil or home school pupil may take,  
2 and the board shall administer if requested, an assessment test  
3 at a site designated by the board.

4           Sec. 8. (1) Michigan merit award scholarship money shall be  
5 used only to pay for eligible costs.

6           (2) The board shall determine the manner and form of  
7 application for payment of a Michigan merit award scholarship by  
8 a student eligible under ~~section 7~~ **this act** and the procedure  
9 for payment to the student or to an approved postsecondary  
10 educational institution on the student's behalf, subject to 1 of  
11 the following, as applicable:

12           (a) As determined by the board, upon the request of a student  
13 or parent or legal guardian of a minor student, the board may pay  
14 a Michigan merit award scholarship in 2 consecutive annual  
15 installments rather than 1 lump sum for a student who graduates  
16 from high school or passes the general educational development  
17 (GED) test or approved graduate equivalency examination before  
18 March 1, 2003.

19           (b) For each student who graduates from high school or passes  
20 the general educational development (GED) test or approved  
21 graduate equivalency examination on or after March 1, 2003 and  
22 before March 1, 2004, the board shall pay a Michigan merit award  
23 scholarship in 2 consecutive annual installments, beginning in  
24 the state fiscal year for which the student is otherwise  
25 eligible. ~~under section 7.~~ The first installment shall not  
26 exceed 50% of the award amount, and the second installment shall  
27 consist of the remaining award amount. Verification that the

1 student has met the enrollment criteria under section ~~7(4)(e)~~  
2 **7b(1)(c)** is required ~~prior to issuance~~ **before payment** of the  
3 second installment.

4 (c) For each student who graduates from high school or passes  
5 the general educational development (GED) test or approved  
6 graduate equivalency examination on or after March 1, 2004, the  
7 board shall pay a Michigan merit award scholarship in 2  
8 consecutive annual installments, beginning in the state fiscal  
9 year that begins after the beginning of the academic year for  
10 which the student is otherwise eligible. ~~under section 7.~~ The  
11 first installment shall not exceed 50% of the award amount, and  
12 the second installment shall consist of the remaining award  
13 amount. Verification that the student has met the enrollment  
14 criteria under section ~~7(4)(e)~~ **7b(1)(c)** is required ~~prior to~~  
15 ~~issuance~~ **before payment** of the second installment.

16 (3) An approved postsecondary educational institution shall  
17 not consider a Michigan merit award scholarship in determining a  
18 student's eligibility for a financial aid program administered by  
19 this state. It is the intent of the legislature that an approved  
20 postsecondary educational institution not reduce  
21 institutionally-funded student aid because of the Michigan merit  
22 award scholarship program.

23 (4) Before payment of a Michigan merit award scholarship to a  
24 student or an approved postsecondary educational institution, the  
25 student shall certify or affirm in writing to the board each of  
26 the following:

27 (a) That the student is enrolled at an approved postsecondary

1 educational institution.

2 (b) The name of the approved postsecondary educational  
3 institution in which the student is enrolled.

4 (c) That the student agrees to use the Michigan merit award  
5 scholarship only for eligible costs.

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

8 (e) That the student graduated from high school or passed the  
9 general educational development (GED) test or approved graduate  
10 equivalency examination within 1 of the following time periods:

11 (i) If the student graduated from high school or passed the  
12 test or examination before March 1, 2002, within the 7-year  
13 period preceding the date of the student's application to receive  
14 his or her Michigan merit award scholarship.

15 (ii) If the student graduated on or after March 1, 2002,  
16 within the 4-year period preceding the date of the student's  
17 application to receive his or her Michigan merit award  
18 scholarship, or within a period equal to 4 years plus the number  
19 of days the student served as a member of the United States armed  
20 forces or peace corps if the student became a member of the  
21 United States armed forces or peace corps during this 4-year  
22 period and served for 4 years or less. The board may also extend  
23 the 4-year period if the board determines that an extension is  
24 warranted because of an illness or disability of the student or  
25 in the student's immediate family or another family emergency.

26 (5) The board shall not begin disbursing funds for a Michigan  
27 merit award scholarship to a student or an approved postsecondary

1 educational institution on behalf of the student unless it  
2 receives the request or application for payment, including the  
3 written certification or affirmation described in this section,  
4 from the student on or before 1 of the following dates, for  
5 disbursement in that academic year:

6 (a) In the 2002-2003 academic year, January 15.

7 (b) In the 2003-2004 academic year, September 15 if the  
8 student received notification of eligibility prior to August 1.

9 (c) In the 2003-2004 academic year, November 15 if the  
10 student received notification of eligibility on or after August  
11 1.

12 **(d) In the 2004-2005 academic year, December 15.**

13 **(e) —(d)— In any other academic year, —October— November 15.**

14 Sec. 9. The board may promulgate rules pursuant to the  
15 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
16 24.328, to implement and administer this act, including, but not  
17 limited to, 1 or more of the following:

18 (a) Rules establishing the board's administrative  
19 procedures.

20 (b) Rules governing the qualification requirements for or the  
21 award of Michigan merit award scholarships under this act.

22 (c) Rules establishing an appeals process from a  
23 determination of ineligibility for a Michigan merit award  
24 scholarship.

25 (d) Rules establishing what information or reports a student  
26 or postsecondary educational institution must provide to  
27 establish eligibility and when that information or those reports

1 must be provided.

2 (e) Rules prescribing the reports to be made by a student  
3 awarded 1 or more Michigan merit award scholarships and by a  
4 postsecondary educational institution to which the Michigan merit  
5 award scholarship is paid.

6 ~~(f) Rules governing assessment test administration and~~  
7 ~~addressing cheating on an assessment test.~~

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
9 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature  
10 are enacted into law:

11 (a) Senate Bill No. 1153.

12 (b) Senate Bill No. 1154.

13 (c) Senate Bill No. 1155.

14 (d) Senate Bill No. 1157.