

# Legislative Analysis



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

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**House Bill 5301 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Barb Vander Veen**

**House Bill 5306 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Philip LaJoy**

**House Bill 5302 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Jacob Hoogendyk**

**House Bills 5307 & 5308 (Substitutes H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. John Stahl**

**House Bill 5303 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. John Pastor**

**House Bill 5309 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Green**

**House Bill 5304 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Robert Gosselin**

**House Bill 5310 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Rick Baxter**

**House Bill 5305 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. James Marleau**

**House Bill 5300 (Substitute H-1)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Robert Gosselin**

**Committee: Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security**

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5300-5310 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

A number of acts award scholarships and grants to Michigan residents. Some require a recipient to be a United States citizen or "permanent resident" of the United States. Others have no citizenship requirement. House Bills 5301-5310 would amend ten of these acts to require that a recipient be:

**A United States citizen or any other student described as eligible to receive Title IV, HEA program assistance under [federal law] 34 CFR 668.33.**

House Bill 5301 would amend the Michigan Nursing Scholarship Act (MCL 390.1184).

House Bill 5302 would amend Public Act 102 of 1986 (MCL 390.1283), dealing with grants for part-time, independent students.

House Bill 5303 would amend Public Act 208 of 1964 (MCL 390.974), addressing state competitive scholarships.

House Bill 5304 would amend Public Act 303 of 1986 (MCL 390.1324), dealing with work-study programs for students in graduate and professional programs.

House Bill 5305 would amend Public Act 288 of 1986 (MCL 390.1374), which is concerned with work-study programs for students at postsecondary institutions.

House Bill 5306 would amend Public Act 273 of 1986 (MCL 390.1404), dealing with educational opportunity grants.

House Bill 5307 would amend Public Act 313 of 1966 (MCL 390.993), which provides for tuition grants to resident students attending independent nonprofit postsecondary institutions.

House Bill 5308 would amend Public 105 of 1978 (MCL 390.1274), under which grants are provided to students at independent nonprofit postsecondary institutions.

House Bill 5309 would amend the Legislative Merit Award Program Act (MCL 390.1304).

House Bill 5310 would amend the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Act (MCL 390.1457b).

The bills are all tie-barred to each other and to House Bill 5300, which is an amendment to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Act (MCL 125.1444h). The bill would require that a person who is an individual recipient of a loan under that act be a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence into the United States. MSHDA would be required to institute procedures to insure the requirements are implemented. House Bill 5300 is tie-barred to all the other bills. The tie-bars mean that all the bills must be enacted for any to take effect.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

According to committee testimony, the language in these bills is intended to apply to Michigan student scholarship and grant programs the same citizen/resident eligibility standards found in federal student aid law. Generally speaking, the cited federal law says that a student must: (1) Be a citizen or national of the United States; or (2) Provide evidence from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that he or she— (i) Is a permanent resident of the United States; or (ii) Is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Because the Merit Award Program is the only major state financial aid program that does not currently have a citizenship requirement, these bills would have a minimal fiscal impact on state expenditures.

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