

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4144

A bill to amend 2000 PA 258, entitled
"Career and technical preparation act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 388.1903), as amended by 2004 PA 592.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. (1) As used in this act:

2 (a) "Career and technical preparation program" means a program
3 that teaches a trade, occupation, or vocation and that is operated
4 by an eligible postsecondary educational institution located in
5 this state.

6 (b) "Community college" means a community college established
7 under the community college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1 to
8 389.195, or under part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,
9 MCL 380.1601 to 380.1607, or a federal tribally controlled
10 community college located in this state that is recognized under

1 the tribally controlled community college assistance act of 1978,
2 25 USC 1801 to 1852, and is determined by the department to meet
3 the requirements for accreditation by a recognized regional
4 accrediting body.

5 (c) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
6 growth.

7 (d) "Eligible charges" means tuition and mandatory course
8 fees, material fees, and registration fees required by a career and
9 technical preparation program for enrollment in an eligible course.
10 Eligible charges also include any late fees charged by a career and
11 technical preparation program due to the school district's failure
12 to make a required payment according to the timetable prescribed
13 under this act. Eligible charges do not include transportation or
14 parking costs or activity fees.

15 (e) "Eligible course" means a course offered by a career and
16 technical preparation program that is not offered through the
17 school district, intermediate school district, or area vocational-
18 technical education program in which the eligible student is
19 enrolled, or that is offered through the school district,
20 intermediate school district, or area vocational-technical
21 education program but is determined by its governing board to not
22 be available to the eligible student because of a scheduling
23 conflict beyond the eligible student's control; that is a career
24 and technical preparation course not ordinarily taken as an
25 activity course; that is a course that the career and technical
26 preparation program normally applies toward satisfaction of
27 certificate, degree, or program completion requirements; and that

1 is not a hobby craft or recreational course.

2 (f) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means a
3 state university, community college, or independent nonprofit
4 degree-granting college or university that is located in this state
5 and that chooses to comply with this act.

6 (g) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in at least 1
7 high school class in at least grade 11 in a school district in this
8 state, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a school
9 district under a cultural exchange program. Until the 2006-2007
10 school year, to be an eligible student a student must have achieved
11 state endorsement in all subject areas under section 1279 of the
12 revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279, **AND, SUBJECT TO**
13 **SUBSECTION (2), THE STUDENT SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN HIGH**
14 **SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 4 SCHOOL YEARS INCLUDING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN**
15 **WHICH THE STUDENT SEEKS TO ENROLL IN AN ELIGIBLE COURSE UNDER THIS**
16 **ACT.** However, if the student has not achieved state endorsement in
17 all subject areas under that section, the student is an eligible
18 student if the student achieves state endorsement in mathematics
19 and a qualifying score on a nationally or industry recognized job
20 skills assessment test as determined by the department. Beginning
21 with eligibility to participate under this act during the 2006-2007
22 school year, to be an eligible student a student who has not taken
23 the Michigan merit examination must have achieved a qualifying
24 score in all subject areas on a readiness assessment and a student
25 who has taken the Michigan merit examination must have achieved a
26 qualifying score in all subject areas on the Michigan merit
27 examination, **AND, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), THE STUDENT SHALL NOT**

1 HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 4 SCHOOL YEARS
2 INCLUDING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT SEEKS TO ENROLL IN
3 AN ELIGIBLE COURSE UNDER THIS ACT. However, if the student has not
4 achieved a qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness
5 assessment or the Michigan merit examination, as applicable for the
6 student, the student is an eligible student if the student achieves
7 a qualifying score in mathematics and a qualifying score on a
8 nationally or industry recognized job skills assessment test as
9 determined by the superintendent of public instruction. **FOR THE**
10 **PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF YEARS A PUPIL HAS BEEN**
11 **ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL, A PUPIL WHO IS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR**
12 **LESS THAN 90 DAYS OF A SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO ILLNESS OR OTHER**
13 **CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE PUPIL OR THE PUPIL'S PARENT**
14 **OR GUARDIAN IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR**
15 **THAT SCHOOL YEAR.**

16 (h) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined
17 in section 4 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.4.

18 (i) "Michigan merit examination" means that examination
19 developed under section 1279g of the revised school code, 1976 PA
20 451, MCL 380.1279g.

21 (j) "Qualifying score" means a score on a readiness assessment
22 or on a nationally or industry recognized job skills assessment
23 test that has been determined by the superintendent of public
24 instruction to indicate readiness to enroll in a course under this
25 act.

26 (k) "Readiness assessment" means assessment instruments that
27 are aligned with state learning standards; that are used nationally

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1 to provide high school students with an early indication of college
2 readiness proficiency in English, mathematics, reading, social
3 studies, and science and may contain a comprehensive career
4 planning program; and that are approved by the superintendent of
5 public instruction for the purposes of this act.

6 (l) "School district" means that term as defined in section 6
7 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, a local act
8 school district as defined in section 5 of the revised school code,
9 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5, or a public school academy organized under
10 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

11 (m) "State university" means a state institution of higher
12 education described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the
13 state constitution of 1963.

14 (2) **THE <<DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,>> SHALL PROMULGATE RULES**

15 **ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH A STUDENT WHO HAS**
16 **BEEN ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 4 YEARS BUT NOT MORE**
17 **THAN 5 YEARS MAY BE CONSIDERED TO BE AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT. THE RULES**
18 **SHALL ADDRESS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A STUDENT MAY**
19 **QUALIFY TO BE CONSIDERED AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION**
20 **AND MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF COURSES IN WHICH A STUDENT WHO**
21 **QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ENROLL. FOR THE PURPOSES OF**
22 **DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF YEARS A PUPIL HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN HIGH**
23 **SCHOOL, A PUPIL WHO IS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR LESS THAN 90**
24 **DAYS OF A SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO ILLNESS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND**
25 **THE CONTROL OF THE PUPIL OR THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS NOT**
26 **CONSIDERED TO BE ENROLLED FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR.**