

HOUSE BILL No. 5903

March 22, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Hoogendyk, Pastor, Garfield, Gosselin, Drolet, Sheen, Kooiman, Stahl and Palmer and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to establish a higher education enrollment option grant program for certain students; to prescribe certain duties of public schools; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain postsecondary educational institutions and state departments, officials, and agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan accelerated college education act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance
5 authority created by 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961.

6 (b) "Community college" means a community college established

1 under the community college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1 to
2 389.195, or under part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,
3 MCL 380.1601 to 380.1607, or a federal tribally controlled
4 community college located in this state that is recognized under
5 the tribally controlled community college assistance act of 1978,
6 Public Law 95-471, and is determined by the authority to meet the
7 requirements for accreditation by a recognized regional accrediting
8 body.

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

17 (d) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a state
18 university or community college that chooses to comply with this
19 act.

20 (e) "Eligible program" means a program of study offered by an
21 eligible postsecondary institution leading to a bachelor degree or
22 associate degree.

23 (f) "Eligible student" means an individual who meets the
24 eligibility requirements described in section 5(1).

25 (g) "School district" means that term as defined in section 6
26 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, a local act
27 school district as defined in section 5 of the revised school code,

1 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5, or a public school academy organized under
2 part 6a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.501 to
3 380.507.

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

7 Sec. 5. (1) An individual who meets all of the following may
8 attend an eligible postsecondary institution without completing
9 high school:

10 (a) He or she attends, and has not graduated from, a high
11 school operated by a school district in this state at the time he
12 or she is first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution
13 under this act.

14 (b) He or she is at least 15 and less than 19 years of age.

15 (c) He or she has completed at least 1/2 of the credits
16 required for graduation by the high school described in subdivision
17 (a) or received an overall score in the top 20% of a nationally
18 recognized college admission examination.

19 (d) He or she is admitted to and enrolled in the eligible
20 postsecondary institution as a full-time student in an eligible
21 program.

22 (2) Upon request by an eligible student or an eligible
23 postsecondary institution, the school district in which the
24 eligible student attended high school shall provide to the eligible
25 student, the authority, and the eligible postsecondary institution
26 a letter signed by the student's high school principal indicating
27 the student's eligibility under subsection (1)(a) and (c).

1 Sec. 7. (1) An eligible student shall receive a grant from the
2 authority, payable directly to the eligible postsecondary
3 institution, for the number of semesters, trimesters, or quarters
4 of full-time enrollment at that postsecondary institution
5 determined under subsection (2). The amount of a grant is an amount
6 equal to the lesser of the amount of the eligible charges for the
7 semester, trimester, or quarter in which the student is enrolled,
8 and an amount equal to 1 of the following percentages of the basic
9 foundation allowance described in section 20 of the state school
10 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1620:

11 (a) If the eligible program in which the student is enrolled
12 is conducted in semesters, 25%.

13 (b) If the eligible program in which the student is enrolled
14 is conducted in trimesters, 16.67%.

15 (c) If the eligible program in which the student is enrolled
16 is conducted in quarters, 12.5%.

17 (2) The following are the maximum number of semesters,
18 trimesters, or quarters of full-time enrollment at an eligible
19 postsecondary institution for which an eligible student may receive
20 a grant under subsection (1):

21 (a) For an eligible student who attended high school for 4 or
22 fewer semesters, 4 semesters or an equivalent number of trimesters
23 or quarters.

24 (b) For an eligible student who attended high school for 5
25 semesters, 3 semesters or an equivalent number of trimesters or
26 quarters.

27 (c) For an eligible student who attended high school for 6

1 semesters, 2 semesters or an equivalent number of trimesters or
2 quarters.

3 (d) For an eligible student who attended high school for 7
4 semesters, 1 semester or an equivalent number of trimesters or
5 quarters.

6 (e) An eligible student who graduated from or attended high
7 school for 8 or more semesters may not receive a grant under this
8 act.

9 (3) After an eligible student's first semester, trimester, or
10 quarter of enrollment in an eligible program, the authority is not
11 required to pay a grant described in subsection (1) in any
12 semester, trimester, or quarter if the student did not maintain a
13 grade point average of at least 2.0 in the preceding semester,
14 trimester, or quarter. This subsection does not reduce the total
15 number of semesters, trimesters, or quarters described in
16 subsection (1) in which the student is entitled to receive a grant
17 under this section.

18 (4) An eligible student is responsible for payment of the
19 remainder of the costs associated with his or her enrollment in the
20 eligible postsecondary institution that exceed the amount of his or
21 her grant under this section.

22 (5) This act does not restrict the ability of an eligible
23 student or any other pupil to enroll in any postsecondary
24 institution without meeting this act.

25 Sec. 9. (1) Unless otherwise agreed between an eligible
26 postsecondary institution and the authority, after the expiration
27 of the postsecondary institution's period for dropping or adding

1 courses in the eligible program in each semester, trimester, or
2 quarter for which the authority is required to make a grant payment
3 under section 7, the eligible postsecondary institution shall
4 provide written notice to the authority of the amount of eligible
5 charges for the eligible program in which the student is enrolled.
6 The authority shall make the grant payment within 30 days of
7 receiving the notice.

8 (2) An eligible postsecondary institution shall not charge a
9 late fee to an eligible student or the authority for a grant paid
10 in compliance with the time period described in subsection (1) even
11 if the payment would otherwise be considered late by the
12 postsecondary institution.

13 (3) Within a reasonable time after registration, an eligible
14 postsecondary institution shall send written notice to an eligible
15 student and his or her former school district indicating the
16 eligible program in which the eligible student is enrolled. The
17 eligible postsecondary institution shall notify the eligible
18 student about tuition, fees, books, materials, and other related
19 charges, as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution,
20 in the customary manner used by the eligible postsecondary
21 institution, and shall notify the eligible student of the amount of
22 the eligible charges that it included in the notice to the
23 authority under subsection (1).

24 Sec. 11. An eligible postsecondary institution shall award a
25 high school diploma to an eligible student who is awarded an
26 associate degree or successfully completes 4 semesters, 6
27 trimesters, or 8 quarters, as applicable, of courses as a full-time

1 student at that postsecondary institution.

2 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless

3 Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5904(request no. 05879'06

4 a) of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.