

SENATE BILL No. 861

November 3, 2005, Introduced by Senator EMERSON and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1999 PA 94, entitled
"Michigan merit award scholarship act,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 390.1457), as amended by 2004 PA 595.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 7. (1) The Michigan merit award scholarship program is
2 established. The board shall administer the Michigan merit award
3 scholarship program.

4 (2) Subject to subsection (6) and section 7b(2) and (5), and
5 to adjustment under subsection (4), each student enrolled in grade
6 11 in or after the 1998-1999 school year and before the 2006-2007
7 school year who meets the **ELIGIBILITY** requirements of **THIS**
8 **SUBSECTION AND** section 7b(1) is eligible for the award of a
9 \$2,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is

1 enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution in
2 this state or in a service academy. ~~—, or~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION**
3 **(6) AND SECTION 7B(2) AND (5), AND TO ADJUSTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION**
4 **(4), EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN GRADE 11 IN OR AFTER THE 1998-1999**
5 **SCHOOL YEAR WHO GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE THE 2005-2006**
6 **SCHOOL YEAR AND WHO MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS**
7 **SUBSECTION AND SECTION 7B(1) IS ELIGIBLE FOR** the award of a
8 \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is
9 enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution
10 outside this state other than a service academy. ~~—, if the board~~
11 ~~finds~~ **A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF THE BOARD**
12 **FINDS** that the student while in high school ~~has~~ **HAD** taken the
13 high school assessment test in the subject areas of reading,
14 writing, mathematics, and science and ~~meets~~ **MET** 1 of the
15 following:

16 (a) ~~Has received~~ **RECEIVED** qualifying results in each of the
17 subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

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

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

27 (3) Subject to subsection (6) and section 7b(5) and to

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

12 (a) ~~Has received~~ **RECEIVED** qualifying results in each of the
13 subject area components of the Michigan merit examination.

14 (b) Did not receive qualifying results in each of the subject
15 area components of the Michigan merit examination, but received an
16 overall score in the top 25% of a nationally recognized college
17 admission examination.

18 (c) Did not receive qualifying results in each of the subject
19 area components of the Michigan merit examination, but received a
20 qualifying score or scores as determined by the board on a
21 nationally recognized job skills assessment test designated by the
22 board.

23 (4) In any fiscal year, the board may adjust the amount of a
24 Michigan merit award scholarship available to students eligible
25 under 1 or more of subsections (2), (3), and (5), based upon its
26 determination of available resources and amounts appropriated, but
27 the board shall not increase an amount by more than 5% in any

1 fiscal year. The board shall notify the governor, the speaker of
2 the house of representatives, and the majority leader of the senate
3 in writing at least 30 days before an adjustment under this
4 subsection.

5 (5) If a student who has previously received a \$1,000.00
6 Michigan merit award scholarship under this section as a student
7 enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution
8 outside of this state other than a service academy enrolls in an
9 approved postsecondary educational institution in this state and
10 meets the requirements of section 7b(1), and subject to adjustment
11 under subsection (4), the student is eligible for the award of an
12 additional \$1,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship.

13 (6) If the United States department of education has not
14 approved the use of the Michigan merit examination for the purposes
15 of the federal no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-
16 110, by December 31, 2006, all of the following apply:

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

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