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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
93RD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2006**

Introduced by Senator Emerson

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 861

AN ACT to amend 1999 PA 94, entitled "An act to create the Michigan merit award scholarship trust fund; to create the Michigan merit award scholarship board and prescribe the powers and duties of the board; and to provide for the Michigan merit award scholarship program," by amending section 7 (MCL 390.1457), as amended by 2004 PA 595.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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

(2) Subject to subsection (6) and section 7b(2) and (5), and to adjustment under subsection (4), each student enrolled in grade 11 in or after the 1998-1999 school year and before the 2006-2007 school year who meets the eligibility requirements of this subsection and section 7b(1) is eligible for the award of a \$2,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution in this state or in a service academy. Subject to subsection (6) and section 7b(2) and (5), and to adjustment under subsection (4), each student enrolled in grade 11 in or after the 1998-1999 school year who graduated from high school before the 2006-2007 school year and who meets the eligibility requirements of this subsection and section 7b(1) is eligible for the award of a \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution outside this state other than a service academy. A student is eligible under this subsection if the board finds that the student while in high school had taken the high school assessment test in the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science and met 1 of the following:

(a) Received qualifying results in each of the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

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

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

(3) Subject to subsection (6) and section 7b(5) and to adjustment under subsection (4), each student enrolled in grade 11 in or after the 2006-2007 school year who meets the requirements of section 7b(1) is eligible for the award of a \$2,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational

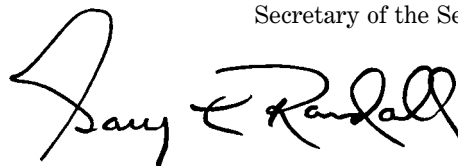
institution in this state or in a service academy, if the board finds that the student while in high school had taken the Michigan merit examination and met 1 of the following:

- (a) Received qualifying results in each of the subject area components of the Michigan merit examination.
- (b) Did not receive qualifying results in each of the subject area components of the Michigan merit examination, but received an overall score in the top 25% of a nationally recognized college admission examination.
- (c) Did not receive qualifying results in each of the subject area components of the Michigan merit examination, but received a qualifying score or scores as determined by the board on a nationally recognized job skills assessment test designated by the board.
- (4) In any fiscal year, the board may adjust the amount of a Michigan merit award scholarship available to students eligible under 1 or more of subsections (2), (3), and (5), based upon its determination of available resources and amounts appropriated, but the board shall not increase an amount by more than 5% in any fiscal year. The board shall notify the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the majority leader of the senate in writing at least 30 days before an adjustment under this subsection.
- (5) If a student who has previously received a \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award scholarship under this section as a student enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution outside of this state other than a service academy enrolls in an approved postsecondary educational institution in this state and meets the requirements of section 7b(1), and subject to adjustment under subsection (4), the student is eligible for the award of an additional \$1,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship.
- (6) If the United States department of education has not approved the use of the Michigan merit examination for the purposes of the federal no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110, by December 31, 2006, all of the following apply:
 - (a) Eligibility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under this section shall be determined under subsection (2) until the next calendar year that begins after that approval occurs.
 - (b) Eligibility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under this section shall be determined under subsection (3) beginning in the next calendar year that begins after that approval occurs.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor