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Senate Bill 482 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator John J. Gleason  
Committee: Education

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Promise Grant Act to require a student to do the following in order to receive Michigan Promise Grant payments during his or her first two years of postsecondary enrollment:

- Pass the social studies component of the State assessment test.
- Beginning with students graduating in the 2010-2011 school year, complete at least three credits in social science.

The Act provides for a \$4,000 grant to be paid to students who take the State assessment and enroll in an approved postsecondary educational institution within two years of graduating. A student who received a qualifying score on the reading, writing, math and science portions of the State assessment is eligible for two payments of \$1,000 each, to be paid on or after October 1 during each of the student's first two years of postsecondary enrollment. The remainder of the \$4,000 grant is to be paid after the student completes two years of enrollment at an approved academic institution and completes 50% or more of the academic requirements for a bachelor's degree, earns an associate's degree, or receives a two-year certificate of completion in a vocational education program, if he or she has maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5. Under the bill, the student also would have to receive a qualifying score on the social studies portion of the State assessment test.

In addition, the Act requires a student who graduates from high school in or after the 2010-2011 school year to complete at least three credits in math and three credits in science as required under the Michigan Merit Standard (described in the Revised School Code), in order to be eligible for a grant under these provisions. Under the bill, the student also would have to complete successfully three credits in social science as required under the Michigan Merit Standard.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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