

HOUSE BILL No. 6054

May 6, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Sak and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 2005 PA 248, entitled "Children of veterans tuition grant act," by amending the title and section 4 (MCL 390.1344).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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TITLE

An act to establish an undergraduate tuition grant program for children of certain deceased, ~~or~~ disabled, **MISSING, OR CAPTURED** members of the armed forces **AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL** of the United States; to provide for the administration of the tuition grant program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Sec. 4. (1) Subject to subsection (3), beginning in the 2005-2006 academic year, the authority shall provide a tuition grant in

1 an amount determined under subsection (2) to any student who meets
2 all of the following requirements:

3 (a) Is enrolled in that academic year as a full-time or part-
4 time student in undergraduate classes at an eligible institution.

5 (b) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident of the
6 United States.

7 (c) Is more than 16 and less than 26 years of age.

8 (d) Is the natural or adopted child of a ~~Michigan veteran and~~
9 ~~the Michigan veteran meets or met~~ any of the following:

10 (i) ~~He or she~~ **A MICHIGAN VETERAN WHO** was killed in action or
11 died from another cause while serving in a war or war condition in
12 which the United States was or is a participant.

13 (ii) ~~The~~ **A MICHIGAN VETERAN THAT THE** United States department
14 of veterans affairs has determined ~~that he or she~~ died or is
15 totally and permanently disabled as a result of a service-connected
16 illness or injury.

17 (iii) ~~The~~ **A MICHIGAN VETERAN THAT THE** United States department
18 of veterans affairs has determined ~~he or she~~ was permanently and
19 totally disabled as a result of a service-connected illness or
20 injury before death, and ~~he or she~~ died from any cause.

21 (iv) ~~He or she~~ **A MICHIGAN VETERAN WHO** is officially listed by
22 the United States government as missing in action in a foreign
23 country **OR AS A PRISONER OF WAR.**

24 (v) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CIVILIAN, IS A RESIDENT OF THIS**
25 **STATE, IS CAPTURED WHILE SERVING WITH THE CONSENT OR AUTHORIZATION**
26 **OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND IS OFFICIALLY LISTED BY THE**
27 **UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS MISSING IN ACTION IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

1 **OR AS A PRISONER OF WAR.**

2 (e) Has resided continuously in this state for the 12 months
3 immediately preceding the date of his or her application and is not
4 a resident of any other state.

5 (f) Has maintained a cumulative grade point average of at
6 least 2.25 in any undergraduate classes he or she completed at any
7 eligible institution in any previous academic years.

8 (g) Is in compliance with this act and the rules promulgated
9 under this act.

10 (h) Has not been convicted of a felony involving an assault,
11 physical injury, or death.

12 (i) Meets any other standards established in rules promulgated
13 by the authority under section 3.

14 (2) Subject to subsection (3), the amount of a tuition grant
15 described in subsection (1) in an academic year for a full-time
16 student is \$2,800.00, or an amount equal to all of the student's
17 eligible tuition in that academic year, whichever is less. The
18 amount of the tuition grant for a part-time student is 1/2 of the
19 amount of a full-time student as determined by the authority. The
20 authority may reduce the amount of the tuition grants in any
21 academic year on a pro rata basis to reflect the amount then
22 available for the tuition grant program, but only after providing
23 notice to the legislature under section 6(2).

24 (3) If a student receives tuition waiver assistance in the
25 2005-2006 academic year under the tuition waiver program provided
26 in **FORMER** 1935 PA 245, ~~MCL 35.111 to 35.112~~, is a person described
27 in section 1(3) of **FORMER** 1935 PA 245, ~~MCL 35.111~~, and meets the

1 eligibility requirements of this act, the amount of the tuition
2 grant under this act for that student in the 2005-2006 academic
3 year shall be reduced by the amount of tuition waiver assistance
4 that student received under **FORMER** 1935 PA 245.

5 (4) An individual shall not receive tuition grant assistance
6 under this act or tuition waiver assistance under **FORMER** 1935 PA
7 245, ~~MCL 35.111 to 35.112~~, or both, in more than 4 academic years.