

SENATE BILL No. 482

May 8, 2007, Introduced by Senators GLEASON, CLARK-COLEMAN, BASHAM, BARCIA, CHERRY, SCOTT, BRATER, JACOBS, HUNTER, CLARKE, THOMAS, OLSHOVE, SCHAUER and SWITALSKI and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled
"Michigan promise grant act,"
by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.1622 and 390.1624).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Academic year" means the period from September 1 of a
3 calendar year to August 31 of the next calendar year.

4 (b) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means any
5 of the following:

6 (i) A public or private college or university, junior college,
7 or community college that grants degrees or certificates and is
8 located in this state.

9 (ii) A postsecondary educational institution, other than an
10 educational institution described in subparagraph (i), that is

1 located in this state, grants degrees, certificates, or other
2 recognized credentials, and is designated by the department as an
3 approved postsecondary educational institution.

4 (iii) A service academy.

5 (c) "Clock hour" means a time period consisting of any of the
6 following:

7 (i) Fifty to 60 minutes of class, lecture, or recitation in a
8 60-minute period.

9 (ii) Fifty to 60 minutes of faculty-supervised laboratory work,
10 shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period.

11 (iii) Sixty minutes of preparation in a correspondence course.

12 (d) "Cumulative grade point average" means the weighted mean
13 value of the courses considered by an approved postsecondary
14 educational institution in determining whether to award a student
15 an associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
16 vocational training program, whether the student has completed a
17 comparable vocational education program, or whether the student has
18 completed 50% or more of the academic requirements for the award of
19 a bachelor's degree, including any courses completed at another
20 approved postsecondary educational institution if the student
21 transfers the credits for those courses to the approved
22 postsecondary educational institution making that determination.

23 (e) "Department" means the department of treasury.

24 (f) "Fiscal year" means a fiscal year of this state. A fiscal
25 year begins on October 1 of a calendar year and ends on September
26 30 of the next calendar year.

27 (g) "High school graduate" means an individual who has

1 received a high school diploma from a high school in this state or
2 passed the general educational development (GED) diploma test or
3 any other high school graduate equivalency examination approved by
4 the state board of education.

5 (h) "Michigan promise grant" means a grant awarded by the
6 department under this act.

7 (i) "Qualifying score" means a score in a reading, writing,
8 mathematics, ~~or~~ science, **OR SOCIAL STUDIES** component of a state
9 assessment test that has been determined by the superintendent of
10 public instruction to indicate readiness to enroll in a course in
11 that subject area in an approved postsecondary educational
12 institution.

13 (j) "Service academy" means the United States military
14 academy, United States naval academy, United States air force
15 academy, United States coast guard academy, or United States
16 merchant marine academy.

17 (k) "State assessment test" means the Michigan merit
18 examination described in section 1279g of the revised school code,
19 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279g, and section 104b of the state school
20 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1704b, or any other test
21 administered by the department of education to students in grades
22 11 and 12 to assure state compliance with the federal no child left
23 behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

24 (l) "Trust fund" means the Michigan merit award trust fund
25 established in section 9 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA
26 489, MCL 12.259.

27 Sec. 4. (1) The Michigan promise grant program is established.

1 The department shall provide Michigan promise grants under this act
2 from the trust fund and administer the Michigan promise grant
3 program.

4 (2) Subject to subsection (3), each student who becomes a high
5 school graduate in or after the 2006-2007 academic year is eligible
6 for the award of a Michigan promise grant in an amount determined
7 under section 5 or 6.

8 (3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection
9 (2), the department must find that a student meets all of the
10 following eligibility requirements to award the student a Michigan
11 promise grant under this act:

12 (a) The department has received a completed application for
13 payment as described in section 7(1), including the certification
14 described in section 7(2) or (3), if applicable, on or before the
15 deadline established by the department.

16 (b) The student is a high school graduate and a resident of
17 this state.

18 (c) The student meets 1 of the following:

19 (i) For a grant under section 5, the student was awarded an
20 associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
21 vocational training program at an approved postsecondary
22 educational institution, completed a comparable vocational
23 education program approved by the department at an approved
24 postsecondary educational institution, or completed 50% or more of
25 the academic requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree at
26 an approved postsecondary educational institution within 4 years of
27 his or her initial enrollment in an approved postsecondary

educational institution and meets 1 of the following:

(A) Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

(B) If the student completed a vocational education program that does not record grades or grade point averages for its students, has successfully completed that program.

(ii) For a grant under section 6, the student received a qualifying score in each of the reading, writing, mathematics, ~~and~~ science, **AND SOCIAL STUDIES** components of the state assessment test, and for each student who becomes a high school graduate in or after the 2010-2011 academic year, successfully completes at least 3 credits in mathematics **AND 3 CREDITS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE** as described in section ~~1278a(1)(a)(i)~~ **1278A(1)(A)** of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278a, and 3 credits in science as described in section 1278b(1)(b) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

(d) The student took the state assessment test.

(e) The student enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution within 2 years after he or she became a high school graduate. The department shall extend the 2-year period if the student becomes a member of the United States armed forces or peace corps during the 2-year period.

(f) The student did not previously receive a grant under this act or scholarship money under the Michigan merit award scholarship act, 1999 PA 94, MCL 390.1451 to 390.1459.

(g) The student meets any additional eligibility requirements established by the department.