

SENATE BILL No. 391

March 18, 2009, Introduced by Senator CHERRY and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled
"Michigan promise grant act,"
by amending section 4 (MCL 390.1624), as amended by 2008 PA 517.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) The Michigan promise grant program is established.
2 The department shall provide Michigan promise grants under this act
3 from the trust fund and administer the Michigan promise grant
4 program.

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

9 (3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection

1 (2), the department must find that a student meets all of the
2 following eligibility requirements to award the student a Michigan
3 promise grant under this act:

4 (a) The department has received a completed application for
5 payment as described in section 7(1), including the certification
6 described in section 7(2) or (3), if applicable, on or before
7 November 15 of the state fiscal year in which they are eligible to
8 receive payment.

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

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

12 (i) For a grant under section 5, the student was awarded an
13 associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
14 vocational training program at an approved postsecondary
15 educational institution, completed a comparable vocational
16 education program approved by the department at an approved
17 postsecondary educational institution, or completed 50% or more of
18 the academic requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree at
19 an approved postsecondary educational institution within 4 years of
20 his or her initial enrollment in an approved postsecondary
21 educational institution and meets 1 of the following:

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

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

26 (ii) For a grant under section 6, the student received a
27 qualifying score in each of the reading, writing, mathematics,

1 science, and social studies components of the state assessment
2 test. ~~, and for each student who becomes a high school graduate in~~
3 ~~or after the 2010-2011 academic year, successfully completes at~~
4 ~~least 3 credits in mathematics and 3 credits in social science as~~
5 ~~described in section 1278a(1)(a) of the revised school code, 1976~~
6 ~~PA 451, MCL 380.1278a, and 3 credits in science as described in~~
7 ~~section 1278b(1)(b) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL~~
8 ~~380.1278b.~~

9 (d) The student took the state assessment test.

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

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

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