

HOUSE BILL No. 4459

March 22, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Switalski and Ananich and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to provide education assistance for certain entrepreneurship courses and training; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "entrepreneurship education act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Annual family income" means the combined annual adjusted
5 gross income, as reported for federal income tax purposes, of an
6 individual and all of the following:

7 (i) All individuals 15 years of age or older who reside with
8 that individual.

9 (ii) If that individual is 23 years of age or younger, his or
10 her parents, whether or not they reside with that individual.

1 (b) "Approved school" means any of the following:

2 (i) A degree or certificate granting public or private college,
3 university, or community or junior college in this state.

4 (ii) A nonprofit association, corporation, or foundation
5 approved by the department to provide courses in entrepreneurship.

6 (iii) A training program approved by the department to provide
7 courses in entrepreneurship.

8 (c) "Courses in entrepreneurship" means educational courses,
9 classes, or training that provide a student with the fundamental
10 aspects of starting or operating a small business or venture,
11 including, but not limited to, the profile of an entrepreneur;
12 opportunity recognition; business feasibility assessment; building
13 a business model; industry and market competition; market analysis;
14 pricing; financial analysis and statements relating to start-up
15 costs, operational expenses, and cash flow; raising
16 commercialization capital; procuring government-sponsored research
17 and development grants for developing technology innovations;
18 licensing and transferring technology from universities; developing
19 a business plan; and similar courses, classes, or training approved
20 by the department. The term includes, but is not limited to, a
21 course, class, or training that is part of a broader training
22 program or a curriculum or degree or certificate program in
23 entrepreneurial or small business management or administration.

24 (d) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
25 growth.

26 (e) "Eligible costs" means tuition costs and any other costs
27 directly related to instruction, books and materials, and other

1 fees incurred by an individual for enrollment in 1 or more courses
2 in entrepreneurship and the cost of supportive services for that
3 individual.

4 (f) "Eligible student" means an individual who meets all of
5 the following:

6 (i) Is currently unemployed; is employed but has received a
7 notice of termination or layoff from employment; or has annual
8 family income of \$40,000.00 or less.

9 (ii) Is at least 18 years old.

10 (iii) Did not graduate from high school within the preceding 2
11 years.

12 (iv) Is not a full-time college student, as determined by the
13 department.

14 (v) Meets any other standards established in guidelines
15 adopted by the department under this act.

16 (g) "Supportive services" means any of the following:

17 (i) Personal guidance and counseling, including, but not
18 limited to, crisis intervention, information, and referral, life-
19 skills counseling, and mentoring.

20 (ii) Supplemental services, including, but not limited to,
21 helping the individual with child care subsidies or vouchers,
22 transportation passes, and book or supply vouchers.

23 Sec. 5. (1) An eligible student who enrolls in 1 or more
24 qualified courses in entrepreneurship at an approved school is
25 eligible for and may receive educational assistance for the
26 eligible costs he or she would have otherwise paid the approved
27 school in connection with the course or courses.

1 (2) The department may establish the form or format of the
2 educational assistance application.

3 (3) The department shall determine the maximum amount and
4 duration of educational assistance an eligible student may receive
5 under this act.

6 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall annually assess the
7 performance of approved schools in providing effective
8 entrepreneurship education.

9 (2) The department may adopt guidelines to implement and
10 administer this act.