

Legislative Analysis



ELIGIBILITY FOR MICHIGAN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP

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Senate Bill 1086 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Kimberly LaSata
House Committee: Government Operations
Senate Committee: Appropriations [Discharged]
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1086 would amend 1964 PA 208 (the state competitive scholarships act) to allow scholastic achievement as an alternative to achieving the requisite score on a standardized test (currently the SAT) for purposes of scholarship eligibility if determined necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, eligible students must demonstrate financial need, possess a high school diploma or the equivalent, and achieve a qualifying SAT score of at least 1200. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for renewal.¹

Under the bill, for the 2020-2021 academic year only, scholastic achievement could be used as an alternative to achieving a minimum 1200 score on the SAT for purposes of scholarship eligibility if the Higher Education Assistance Authority determined it to be necessary due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the state but could result in increased costs to the Michigan Competitive Scholarship program. The number of eligible students for the program could increase due to the allowance of class grade point averages in replacement of a standardized test (currently the SAT). However, the number of students that could benefit from the change cannot be determined at this time.

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¹ <https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-372--481214--,00.html>