

HOUSE BILL NO. 6250

June 16, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Slagh, Posthumus and O'Malley and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 258, entitled "Career and technical preparation act," by amending section 3 (MCL 388.1903), as amended by 2020 PA 130.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 3. (1) As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Career and technical preparation program" means a program
- 3 that teaches a trade, occupation, or vocation and that is operated
- 4 by an eligible postsecondary educational institution located in
- 5 this state.

1 (b) "Community college" means a community college established
2 under the community college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1 to
3 389.195, or under part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,
4 MCL 380.1601 to 380.1607, or a federal tribally controlled
5 community college located in this state that is recognized under
6 the tribally controlled colleges and universities assistance act of
7 1978, 25 USC 1801 to 1864, and is determined by the department to
8 meet the requirements for accreditation by a recognized regional
9 accrediting body.

10 (c) "Department" means the department of education.

11 (d) "Eligible charges" means tuition and mandatory course
12 fees, material fees, and registration fees required by a career and
13 technical preparation program for enrollment in an eligible course.
14 Eligible charges also include any late fees charged by a career and
15 technical preparation program due to the school district's or
16 department of treasury's failure to make a required payment
17 according to the timetable prescribed under this act. Eligible
18 charges do not include transportation or parking costs or activity
19 fees.

20 (e) "Eligible course" means a course offered by a career and
21 technical preparation program that is offered for postsecondary
22 credit or is part of a noncredit occupational training program
23 leading to an industry-recognized credential; that is not offered
24 through the school district, intermediate school district, area
25 vocational-technical education program, or state approved nonpublic
26 school in which the eligible student is enrolled, or that is
27 offered through the school district, intermediate school district,
28 area vocational-technical education program, or state approved
29 nonpublic school but is determined by its governing board to not be

1 available to the eligible student because of a scheduling conflict
2 beyond the eligible student's control; that is a career and
3 technical preparation course not ordinarily taken as an activity
4 course; that is a course that the career and technical preparation
5 program normally applies toward satisfaction of certificate,
6 degree, or program completion requirements; that is offered in
7 whole or in part when the school district or state approved
8 nonpublic school is in session or, if approved by the school
9 district or state approved nonpublic school, that is offered in
10 whole when the school district or state approved nonpublic school
11 is not in session; and that is not a hobby, craft, or recreational
12 course. For each individual eligible student, unless there is a
13 written agreement between the eligible student's school district
14 and the career and technical preparation program to waive these
15 limits, a course described in this subdivision is not an eligible
16 course if the eligible student's enrollment in, and the payment of
17 eligible charges under this act for, the course would exceed the
18 following limits:

19 (i) Not more than 10 courses overall. This limit and the limits
20 under subparagraphs (ii) to (iv) do not apply to a course if the
21 eligible student does not receive tuition and fee support under
22 this act for that course.

23 (ii) If the eligible student first enrolls in a course under
24 this act when the eligible student is in grade 9, not more than 2
25 courses during each academic year in the eligible student's first,
26 second, or third academic year of enrollment under this act in a
27 career and technical preparation program and not more than 4
28 courses during the academic year in the eligible student's fourth
29 academic year of enrollment under this act in a career and

1 technical preparation program.

2 (iii) If the eligible student first enrolls in a course under
3 this act when the eligible student is in grade 10, not more than 2
4 courses during the academic year in the eligible student's first
5 academic year of enrollment under this act in a career and
6 technical preparation program, not more than 4 courses during the
7 academic year in the eligible student's second academic year of
8 enrollment under this act in a career and technical preparation
9 program, and not more than 4 courses during the academic year in
10 the eligible student's third academic year of enrollment under this
11 act in a career and technical preparation program.

12 (iv) Subject to the overall course limit under subparagraph
13 (i), if the eligible student first enrolls in a course under this
14 act when the eligible student is in grade 11 or 12, not more than 6
15 courses during either of those academic years of enrollment in a
16 career and technical preparation program.

17 (f) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means a
18 state university, community college, or independent nonprofit
19 degree-granting college or university that is located in this state
20 and that chooses to comply with this act.

21 (g) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in a high
22 school in a school district or state approved nonpublic school in
23 this state, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled under a
24 cultural exchange program or a student who does not have at least 1
25 parent or legal guardian who is a resident of this state. However,
26 subject to subsection (2), the student must not have been enrolled
27 in high school for more than 4 school years including the school
28 year in which the student seeks to enroll in an eligible course
29 under this act. To be an eligible student, except as otherwise

1 provided in this subdivision, a student who has not taken the
2 Michigan merit examination must have achieved a qualifying score in
3 all subject areas on a readiness assessment and a student who has
4 taken the Michigan merit examination must have achieved a
5 qualifying score in all subject areas on the Michigan merit
6 examination, and, subject to subsection (2), the student must not
7 have been enrolled in high school for more than 4 school years
8 including the school year in which the student seeks to enroll in
9 an eligible course under this act. However, except as otherwise
10 provided in this subdivision, if the student has not achieved a
11 qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness assessment or
12 the Michigan merit examination, as applicable for the student, the
13 student is an eligible student if the student achieves a qualifying
14 score in mathematics and a qualifying score on a nationally or
15 industry-recognized job skills assessment test as determined by the
16 superintendent of public instruction. For enrollment in eligible
17 courses that begin after April 30, 2020 and end before the start of
18 the 2020-2021 academic year and for enrollment in eligible courses
19 offered during the 2020-2021 academic year during the period
20 beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added
21 this sentence and ending on the last day of the 2020-2021 academic
22 year, a student is an eligible student if the student has achieved
23 a grade point average of at least 2.5, as determined by the school
24 district or state approved nonpublic school in which he or she is
25 enrolled, regardless of whether or not the student has achieved a
26 qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness assessment or
27 the Michigan merit examination, or a qualifying score in
28 mathematics and on a nationally or industry-recognized job skills
29 assessment test. For the purposes of determining the number of

1 years a pupil has been enrolled in high school, a pupil who is
2 enrolled in high school for less than 90 days of a school year due
3 to illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the pupil
4 or the pupil's parent or guardian is not considered to be enrolled
5 in high school for that school year.

6 (h) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined
7 in section 4 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.4.

8 (i) "Michigan merit examination" means that examination
9 developed under section 1279g of the revised school code, 1976 PA
10 451, MCL 380.1279g.

11 (j) "Qualifying score" means a score on a readiness assessment
12 or on a nationally or industry-recognized job skills assessment
13 test that has been determined by the superintendent of public
14 instruction to indicate readiness to enroll in a course under this
15 act.

16 (k) "Readiness assessment" means assessment instruments that
17 are aligned with state learning standards; that are used nationally
18 to provide high school students with an early indication of college
19 readiness proficiency in English, mathematics, reading, social
20 studies, and science and may contain a comprehensive career
21 planning program; and that are approved by the superintendent of
22 public instruction for the purposes of this act.

23 (l) "School district" means that term as defined in section 6
24 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a public
25 school academy as that term is defined in section 5 of the revised
26 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

27 (m) "State approved nonpublic school" means that term as
28 defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
29 380.6.

1 (n) "State university" means a state institution of higher
2 education described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the
3 state constitution of 1963.

4 ~~(2) The department, in consultation with the superintendent of~~
5 ~~public instruction, shall promulgate rules establishing criteria~~
6 ~~and procedures under which a student who has been enrolled in high~~
7 ~~school for more than 4 years but not more than 5 years may be~~
8 ~~considered to be an eligible student. The rules must address~~
9 ~~special circumstances under which a student may qualify to be~~
10 ~~considered an eligible student under this subsection and may limit~~
11 ~~the number of courses in which a student who qualifies under this~~
12 ~~subsection may enroll. For the purposes of determining the number~~
13 ~~of years a pupil has been enrolled in high school, a pupil who is~~
14 ~~enrolled in high school for less than 90 days of a school year due~~
15 ~~to illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the pupil~~
16 ~~or the pupil's parent or guardian is not considered to be enrolled~~
17 ~~for that school year.~~**A fifth-year high school student enrolled and**
18 **in attendance at a school district, intermediate school district,**
19 **public school academy, or state approved nonpublic school,**
20 **including a student enrolled and in attendance in an alternative**
21 **education program operated by a school district, intermediate**
22 **school district, public school academy, or state approved nonpublic**
23 **school, is an eligible student under this act if all of the**
24 **following requirements are satisfied:**

25 (a) For a fifth-year high school student who is not enrolled
26 and in attendance at an early/middle college, all of the following:

27 (i) The student has not met all of the requirements to be
28 eligible to receive a high school diploma.

29 (ii) The student is enrolled in not more than 2 eligible

1 courses under this act or eligible courses under the postsecondary
2 enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, at 1
3 time and not more than a total of 4 eligible courses under this act
4 or eligible courses under the postsecondary enrollment options act,
5 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, during the school year.

6 (iii) The student is not a foreign exchange student enrolled
7 under a cultural exchange program.

8 (iv) The student has at least 1 parent or legal guardian who is
9 a resident of this state.

10 (v) The student does not enroll in and receive tuition and fee
11 support for more than 10 total eligible courses under this act or
12 eligible courses under the postsecondary enrollment options act,
13 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, including the eligible courses
14 taken when the student is a fifth-year high school student. The
15 requirement under this subdivision does not apply if there is a
16 written agreement between the student's school district,
17 intermediate school district, public school academy, or state
18 approved nonpublic school and the eligible postsecondary
19 institution that operates the career and technical preparation
20 program to waive this requirement.

21 (b) For a fifth-year high school student who is enrolled and
22 in attendance at an early/middle college, the student has not met
23 all of the requirements to be eligible to receive a high school
24 diploma.

25 (c) The student has a plan on file at the school district,
26 intermediate school district, public school academy, or state
27 approved nonpublic school to complete graduation requirements
28 within the academic year, including eligible courses taken under
29 this act or eligible courses taken under the postsecondary

1 enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, as
2 applicable. The plan described in this subdivision must be signed
3 by the principal or an equivalent administrator or his or her
4 designee, the student's parent or legal guardian, and the student.
5 If the student is at least 18 years of age or is an emancipated
6 minor, the student may act on his or her own behalf under this
7 subdivision.

8 (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit a school district,
9 intermediate school district, public school academy, or state
10 approved nonpublic school from supporting college-level courses or
11 career preparation courses for any student if it is in the best
12 interest of the student.

13 (4) As used in subsection (2):

14 (a) "Early/middle college" means a public high school designed
15 to allow a student to earn both a high school diploma and at least
16 1 of the following:

17 (i) An associate degree.

18 (ii) An industry-recognized technical certification.

19 (iii) Up to 60 transferrable college credits.

20 (iv) The right to participate in a registered apprenticeship.

21 (b) "Fifth-year high school student" means a student who is
22 enrolled in high school for more than 4 years but not more than 5
23 years. For the purposes of determining the number of years a
24 student has been enrolled in high school under this subdivision, a
25 student who is enrolled in high school for less than 90 days of a
26 school year due to illness or other circumstances beyond the
27 control of the student or the student's parent or legal guardian is
28 not considered to be enrolled for that school year.