

HOUSE BILL NO. 5175

October 17, 2023, Introduced by Reps. O'Neal, Hope and Wilson and referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

A bill to amend 2005 PA 248, entitled
"Children of veterans tuition grant act,"
by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.1342 and 390.1344).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

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

4 (b) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance
5 authority created by 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961, **or its**
6 **successor.**

(c) "Eligible institution" means a degree or certificate granting public or independent nonprofit college or university, junior college, or community college in this state.

(d) "Eligible tuition" means the tuition charged by an eligible institution for an undergraduate class.

(e) "Full-time student" means a student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in an academic semester or its equivalent number of credit hours in a term or quarter, as determined by the authority.

(f) "Michigan veteran" means an individual whose legal residence immediately before entering military service was in this state and who does not later reside outside of this state for a period of more than 2 years, or an individual who establishes legal residency in this state after entering military service.

(g) "Part-time student" means a student who is not a full-time student, but is enrolled in at least the number of credit hours in a semester, term, or quarter that the authority defines as a 1/2-time course of study.

(h) "Undergraduate class" means a class or course that provides a student with academic credit applicable toward a ~~bachelor~~ **bachelor's** or associate degree from an eligible institution.

Sec. 4. (1) ~~Subject to subsection (3), beginning in the 2005-2006 academic year, the~~ **The** authority shall provide a tuition grant in an amount determined under subsection (2) to any student who meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Is enrolled in that academic year as a full-time or part-time student in undergraduate classes at an eligible institution.

(b) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

1 (c) Is more than 16 and less than 26 years of age.

2 (d) Is the natural or adopted child of a Michigan veteran and
3 the Michigan veteran meets or met any of the following:

4 (i) ~~He or she was~~ **Was** killed in action or died from another
5 cause while serving in a war or war condition in which the United
6 States was or is a participant.

7 (ii) ~~The United States department of veterans affairs has~~
8 ~~determined that he or she~~ **As determined by the United States**
9 **Department of Veterans Affairs**, died or is totally and permanently
10 disabled as a result of a service-connected illness or injury.

11 (iii) ~~The United States department of veterans affairs has~~
12 ~~determined he or she~~ **As determined by the United States Department**
13 **of Veterans Affairs**, was permanently and totally disabled as a
14 result of a service-connected illness or injury before death, and
15 ~~he or she~~ died from any cause.

16 (iv) ~~He or she is~~ **Is** officially listed by the United States
17 government as missing in action in a foreign country.

18 (e) Has resided continuously in this state for the 12 months
19 immediately preceding the date of ~~his or her~~ **the student's**
20 application and is not a resident of any other state.

21 (f) Has maintained a cumulative grade point average of at
22 least 2.25 in any undergraduate classes ~~he or she~~ **the student**
23 completed at any eligible institution in any previous academic
24 years.

25 (g) Is in compliance with this act and the rules promulgated
26 under this act.

27 ~~(h) Has not been convicted of a felony involving an assault,~~
28 ~~physical injury, or death.~~

29 (h) ~~(i)~~ Meets any other standards established in rules

1 promulgated by the authority under section 3.

2 (2) ~~Subject to subsection (3), the~~ **The** amount of a tuition
3 grant described in subsection (1) in an academic year for a full-
4 time student is \$2,800.00, or an amount equal to all of the
5 student's eligible tuition in that academic year, whichever is
6 less. The amount of the tuition grant for a part-time student is
7 1/2 of the amount of a full-time student as determined by the
8 authority. The authority may reduce the amount of the tuition
9 grants in any academic year on a pro rata basis to reflect the
10 amount then available for the tuition grant program, but only after
11 providing notice to the legislature under section 6(2).

12 ~~(3) If a student receives tuition waiver assistance in the~~
13 ~~2005-2006 academic year under the tuition waiver program provided~~
14 ~~in 1935 PA 245, MCL 35.111 to 35.112, is a person described in~~
15 ~~section 1(3) of 1935 PA 245, MCL 35.111, and meets the eligibility~~
16 ~~requirements of this act, the amount of the tuition grant under~~
17 ~~this act for that student in the 2005-2006 academic year shall be~~
18 ~~reduced by the amount of tuition waiver assistance that student~~
19 ~~received under 1935 PA 245.~~

20 (3) ~~(4)~~ An individual ~~shall~~ **must** not receive tuition grant
21 assistance under this act ~~or tuition waiver assistance under 1935~~
22 ~~PA 245, MCL 35.111 to 35.112, or both,~~ in more than 4 academic
23 years.