

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

388.1667f Free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) form completion challenge; student exemption.

Sec. 67f. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2024-2025 only an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for districts to improve FAFSA completion rates.

(2) To be eligible to receive funding under this section, each district must apply in a form and manner determined by the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential. The department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall make the application available by not later than November 1, 2024. A district shall apply for funding to the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential by not later than December 1, 2024. In the application, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall only require a district to certify that it will do both of the following:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), require all students to complete the FAFSA to graduate from high school.

(b) Use funds received under this section for participation in and implementation of activities that are known to drive FAFSA completion, as determined by the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential, in collaboration with the Michigan College Access Network.

(3) A district shall exempt a student from the requirement to complete the FAFSA if any of the following are met:

(a) The student's parent or legal guardian, or the student if the student is 18 years of age or older, is an emancipated minor, or is an unaccompanied youth, has submitted a parental waiver to the district exempting the student from completing the FAFSA. The parental waiver described in this subdivision must be obtained through a standard form developed by the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential.

(b) The student is unable to complete the FAFSA because of privacy concerns.

(c) All of the following are met:

(i) After a good-faith effort, the student's parent or legal guardian refuses to sign the parental waiver, is unresponsive, or cannot sign the parental waiver.

(ii) The student is unable to complete the FAFSA as an independent student.

(iii) The student agrees to opt out of completing the FAFSA.

(iv) Other than the requirements in subsection (2), the student is on track to graduate.

(v) A school administrator of the student's high school demonstrates to the board that good-faith efforts have been made to assist the student or the student's parent or legal guardian in completing the FAFSA or obtaining a parental waiver.

(vi) The board ensures compliance with 42 USC 11432(g)(6)(A).

(4) By not later than January 31, 2025, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall pay each eligible district an equal amount per pupil multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled and attending grade 12 in the district.

(5) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential.

(6) As used in the section, "FAFSA" means the free application for federal student aid form.

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