MICHIGAN RECONNECT GRANT RECIPIENT ACT (EXCERPT) Act 68 of 2020

390.1718 Leave of absence; medical or family hardship; term of eligibility; transfers; repayment.

Sec. 18. (1) A Michigan reconnect grant student who, with the approval of the eligible institution, takes a leave of absence from the eligible institution due to a medical or family hardship may, subject to department approval, continue to receive the grant upon resuming the student's education at an eligible institution if the student continues to meet all applicable eligibility requirements. A leave of absence under this subsection does not disrupt the minimum-credit requirement under section 16(b) and does not count toward the 4-year limitation described in subsection (2)(a).

- (2) A student is eligible for a Michigan reconnect grant until the occurrence of either of the following:
- (a) Subject to subsection (1), 4 years have passed since the student became a Michigan reconnect grant student.
- (b) The student has earned an associate degree. For purposes of this subdivision, a student who has earned a certificate or credential at an eligible institution remains eligible for the Michigan reconnect grant if he or she has not yet earned an associate degree.
- (3) A student who participates in the Michigan reconnect grant program may transfer from 1 eligible institution to another eligible institution without loss of the grant so long as the student continues to meet all eligibility requirements for the grant.
- (4) Repayment of any Michigan reconnect grant money received by a Michigan reconnect grant student who withdraws from a course of study or degree program must be determined in accordance with the department of treasury's state program procedures manual for financial aid professionals.

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