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## MICHIGAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP; SERVICE ACADEMIES

**House Bill 4330** 

Sponsor: Rep. Jerry Vander Roest

**Committee: Education** 

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4330 AS INTRODUCED 2-22-01

House Bill 4330 would amend the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Act to include additional eligible costs, and to extend the scholarship to those who attend the service academies.

Currently, each Michigan student enrolled in grade 11 who meets certain academic requirements (in reading, writing, mathematics, and science) as measured by the Michigan Education Assessment Program, is eligible for the award of a \$2,500 Michigan merit award scholarship. The \$2,500 scholarship is awarded if the student is enrolled in an approved post-secondary educational institution in this state, or a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded if he or she is enrolled in an approved educational institution located outside the state. House Bill 4330 would also allow the \$2,500 award to be granted if a student enrolled in a service academy. The bill would add a definition of "service academy" to mean the United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, or United States Air Force Academy.

Further, the bill would specify that if a student is enrolled in a service academy, the scholarship could be used for reimbursement for application fees paid by the student at the time of his or her application to the service academy.

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