

# HOUSE BILL No. 4330

February 22, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Vander Roest, Meyer, Julian, Middaugh, Kuipers, Bishop, Birkholz, Richardville, Kooiman, Spade and Bovin and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1999 PA 94, entitled  
"Michigan merit award scholarship act,"  
by amending sections 2 and 7 (MCL 390.1452 and 390.1457).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means  
3 any of the following:

4       (i) A degree or certificate granting public or private col-  
5 lege or university, junior college, or community college.

6       (ii) A SERVICE ACADEMY.

7       (iii) ~~-(ii)-~~ An educational institution, other than an edu-  
8 cational institution described in subparagraph (i) OR (ii),  
9 granting degrees, certificates, or other recognized credentials  
10 and designated by the board as an approved postsecondary  
11 educational institution.

1       (iv) ~~(iii)~~ A program of an educational institution, other  
2 than an educational institution described in subparagraph (i) OR  
3 (ii), ~~that grants~~ GRANTING degrees, certificates, or other rec-  
4 ognized credentials and ~~is~~ designated by the board as an  
5 approved postsecondary educational institution.

6       (b) "Assessment test" means the Michigan education assess-  
7 ment program (MEAP) subject area assessments or any successor  
8 assessment test designated by the board.

9       (c) "Board" means the Michigan merit award board established  
10 in this act.

11       (d) "Department of career development" means the department  
12 of career development created in Executive Order No. 1999-1.

13       (e) "Eligible costs" means ~~tuition~~ ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

14       (i) TUITION and fees charged by an approved postsecondary  
15 educational institution ~~to~~ TO AN ENROLLED STUDENT AND related  
16 costs for room, board, books, supplies, transportation, or day  
17 care. ~~and other~~

18       (ii) IF A STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN A SERVICE ACADEMY, REIM-  
19 BURSEMENT FOR APPLICATION FEES PAID BY THE STUDENT AT THE TIME OF  
20 HIS OR HER APPLICATION TO THE SERVICE ACADEMY.

21       (iii) OTHER costs determined by the board.

22       (f) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of this state.

23       (g) "Michigan merit award scholarship" means a scholarship  
24 awarded by the board under section 7.

25       (h) "Qualifying results" means assessment test results,  
26 scores, or ranges of scores determined by the board that qualify

1 a student for a Michigan merit award scholarship under  
2 section 7.

3 (I) "SERVICE ACADEMY" MEANS THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACAD-  
4 EMY, UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY, OR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
5 ACADEMY.

6 (J) ~~(i)~~ "State board" means the state board of education.

7 (K) ~~(j)~~ "Superintendent" means the superintendent of  
8 public instruction.

9 (L) ~~(k)~~ "Tobacco settlement revenue" means money received  
10 by this state that is attributable to the master settlement  
11 agreement incorporated into a consent decree and final judgment  
12 entered on December 7, 1998 in Kelley Ex Rel. Michigan v Philip  
13 Morris Incorporated, et al., Ingham county circuit court, docket  
14 no. 96-84281CZ.

15 (M) ~~(l)~~ "Trust fund" means the Michigan merit award trust  
16 fund established in section 3.

17 Sec. 7. (1) The Michigan merit award scholarship program is  
18 established. The board shall administer the Michigan merit award  
19 scholarship program.

20 (2) Subject to subsection (6), each student enrolled in  
21 grade 11 in or after the 1998-1999 school year who meets the  
22 requirements of subsection (4), and subject to adjustment under  
23 subsection (5), is eligible for the award of a \$2,500.00 Michigan  
24 merit award scholarship if the student is enrolled in A SERVICE  
25 ACADEMY OR an approved postsecondary educational institution in  
26 this state or the award of a \$1,000.00 Michigan merit award  
27 scholarship if the student is enrolled in an approved

1 postsecondary educational institution outside this state OTHER  
2 THAN A SERVICE ACADEMY, if the board finds that the student while  
3 in high school has taken the assessment test in the subject areas  
4 of reading, writing, mathematics, and science and meets 1 of the  
5 following:

6 (a) Has received qualifying results in each of the subject  
7 areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

8 (b) Did not receive qualifying results in 1 or 2 of the  
9 subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, but  
10 received an overall score in the top 25% of a nationally recog-  
11 nized college admission examination.

12 (c) Did not receive qualifying results in 1 or 2 of the  
13 subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, but  
14 received a qualifying score or scores as determined by the board  
15 on a nationally recognized job skills assessment test designated  
16 by the board.

17 (3) Subject to subsection (6) and to adjustment under  
18 subsection (5), a student who was enrolled in grade 7 in or after  
19 the 1999-2000 school year and who the board finds has taken the  
20 assessment test in each of the subject areas while in grades 7  
21 and 8 is eligible for 1 of the following additional Michigan  
22 merit award scholarships:

23 (a) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7  
24 and 8 received qualifying results in 2 of the subject areas of  
25 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an additional  
26 Michigan merit award scholarship of \$250.00.

1 (b) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7  
2 and 8 received qualifying results in 3 of the subject areas of  
3 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an additional  
4 Michigan merit award scholarship of \$375.00.

5 (c) If the board finds that the student while in grades 7  
6 and 8 received qualifying results in all of the subject areas of  
7 reading, writing, mathematics, and science, an additional  
8 Michigan merit award scholarship of \$500.00.

9 (4) In addition to the requirements set forth in  
10 subsections (2) and (3), to be eligible for the award of 1 or  
11 both Michigan merit award scholarships under this section, the  
12 board must find that a student satisfies all of the following:

13 (a) The student has graduated from high school or passed the  
14 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate  
15 equivalency examination approved by the state board.

16 (b) The student graduated from high school or passed the  
17 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate  
18 equivalency examination approved by the state board within the  
19 7-year period preceding the student's application to receive his  
20 or her Michigan merit award scholarship money.

21 (c) The student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary  
22 educational institution. For students who qualify under  
23 subsection (2)(c), the student is enrolled in a vocational or  
24 technical education program at an approved postsecondary educa-  
25 tional institution.

26 (d) The student has not been convicted of a felony involving  
27 an assault, physical injury, or death.

1       (e) The student satisfies any additional eligibility  
2 requirements established by the board.

3       (5) In any fiscal year, the board may adjust the amount of a  
4 Michigan merit award scholarship available to students eligible  
5 under 1 or more of subsections (2), (3), and (9), based upon its  
6 determination of available resources and amounts appropriated,  
7 but the board shall not increase an amount by more than 5% in any  
8 fiscal year. The board shall notify the governor, the speaker of  
9 the house of representatives, and the majority leader of the  
10 senate in writing at least 30 days before an adjustment under  
11 this subsection.

12       (6) For assessment tests administered after January 1, 2000,  
13 the board shall not use the assessment test to determine eligi-  
14 bility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under this section  
15 for a particular year unless the board has reviewed and approved  
16 the assessment test before it was administered for that year.

17       (7) The board shall provide each student written notice of  
18 whether or not the student is eligible for the award of 1 or more  
19 Michigan merit award scholarships described in this section. If  
20 the student is eligible, the written notice shall also contain  
21 the Michigan merit award scholarship amount for which the student  
22 is eligible, how the student applies for payment of Michigan  
23 merit award scholarship, and any other information the board con-  
24 siders necessary regarding qualification requirements or condi-  
25 tions relating to the use of the Michigan merit award  
26 scholarship.

1       (8) It is the intent of the legislature that the level of  
2 student performance required to achieve qualifying results in a  
3 subject area of an assessment test remains approximately the  
4 same, and that the board not reduce the required level of student  
5 performance as a means of increasing the number of Michigan merit  
6 award scholarships awarded.

7       (9) If a student who has previously received a \$1,000.00  
8 Michigan merit award scholarship as a student enrolled in an  
9 approved postsecondary educational institution outside of this  
10 state OTHER THAN A SERVICE ACADEMY enrolls in an approved post-  
11 secondary educational institution in this state and meets the  
12 requirements of subsection (4), and subject to adjustment under  
13 subsection (5), the student is eligible for the award of an addi-  
14 tional \$1,500.00 Michigan merit award scholarship.

15       (10) A pupil who does not initially receive qualifying  
16 results shall be extended an opportunity to achieve the requisite  
17 qualifying results by taking a subsequent assessment test.

18       (11) A nonpublic school student or home school student may  
19 take, and the board shall administer if requested, an assessment  
20 test at a site designated by the board.