

## TUITION RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

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### House Bill 5966

**Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Caswell**

**Committee: Higher Education**

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5966 AS INTRODUCED 6-1-04

The bill would amend Public Act 251 of 1972, which deals with the reciprocal exchange of higher education services between states allowing out-of-state students to enjoy tuition rates below typical out-of-state tuition. The bill would specify that a reciprocal agreement could not establish an indefinite term or establish a fixed term of more than three years. If a reciprocal agreement provided for renewal or extension of the agreement, that provision could not provide for an automatic renewal or extension, establish an indefinite term for renewal or extension, or establish a fixed term of more than three years for any renewal or extension.

Also, the term "reciprocal agreement" would be amended so as to apply to a contractual arrangement that renews or extends an existing reciprocal agreement.

MCL 390.501 et al.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on state or local government. More frequent review of existing tuition reciprocity agreements by the two appropriations committees could, however, result in changes to the provisions of those agreements that would have impacts on the revenues and/or expenditures of the institutions involved in the agreements.

As background, there are currently six tuition reciprocity agreements approved under the provisions of Public Act 251 of 1972:

- Bay de Noc and Gogebic Community Colleges — Wisconsin Northeast Vocational Technical and Adult Education District
- Bay de Noc and Gogebic Community Colleges — University of Wisconsin Center — Marinette County
- St. Clair County Community College — Lambton College of Applied Arts and Technology (Lambton County, Ontario)
- Eastern Michigan University — University of Toledo (Ohio)
- Jackson Community College — Northwest State Community College (Henry County, Ohio)
- Monroe Community College — Owens Community College (Toledo, Ohio)

Provisions addressing eligible residents, programs included under the agreements, tuition rates paid by participating students, and other topics vary considerable among the different agreements. The three agreements with Ohio institutions are all effective for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005. The remaining three agreements are all automatically renewing and have, therefore, not come up for review and approval by the two appropriations committees since the 1980s (1981 for the two Bay de Noc agreements; 1988 for the St. Clair County agreement).

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