

SENATE BILL No. 600

June 20, 2007, Introduced by Senator BROWN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled
"Michigan promise grant act,"
by amending sections 4 and 8 (MCL 390.1624 and 390.1628).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) The Michigan promise grant program is established.
2 The department shall provide Michigan promise grants under this act
3 from the trust fund and administer the Michigan promise grant
4 program.

5 (2) Subject to subsection (3), each student who becomes a high
6 school graduate in or after the 2006-2007 academic year is eligible
7 for the award of a Michigan promise grant in an amount determined
8 under section 5 or 6.

9 (3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection
10 (2), the department must find that a student meets all of the
11 following eligibility requirements to award the student a Michigan

1 promise grant under this act:

2 (a) The department has received a completed application for
3 payment as described in section 7(1), including the certification
4 described in section 7(2) or (3), if applicable, on or before ~~the~~
5 ~~deadline established by the department~~ **NOVEMBER 15 OF THE STATE**
6 **FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT.**

7 (b) The student is a high school graduate and a resident of
8 this state.

9 (c) The student meets 1 of the following:

10 (i) For a grant under section 5, the student was awarded an
11 associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
12 vocational training program at an approved postsecondary
13 educational institution, completed a comparable vocational
14 education program approved by the department at an approved
15 postsecondary educational institution, or completed 50% or more of
16 the academic requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree at
17 an approved postsecondary educational institution within 4 years of
18 his or her initial enrollment in an approved postsecondary
19 educational institution and meets 1 of the following:

20 (A) Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

21 (B) If the student completed a vocational education program
22 that does not record grades or grade point averages for its
23 students, has successfully completed that program.

24 (ii) For a grant under section 6, the student received a
25 qualifying score in each of the reading, writing, mathematics, and
26 science components of the state assessment test, and for each
27 student who becomes a high school graduate in or after the 2010-

1 2011 academic year, successfully completes at least 3 credits in
2 mathematics as described in section 1278a(1)(a)(i) of the revised
3 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278a, and 3 credits in science
4 as described in section 1278b(1)(b) of the revised school code,
5 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

6 (d) The student took the state assessment test.

7 (e) The student enrolled in an approved postsecondary
8 educational institution within 2 years after he or she became a
9 high school graduate. The department shall extend the 2-year period
10 if the student becomes a member of the United States armed forces
11 or peace corps during the 2-year period.

12 (f) The student did not previously receive a grant under this
13 act or scholarship money under the Michigan merit award scholarship
14 act, 1999 PA 94, MCL 390.1451 to 390.1459.

15 (g) The student meets any additional eligibility requirements
16 established by the department.

17 Sec. 8. (1) The department shall ~~pay a Michigan promise grant~~
18 ~~under section 5 or a grant installment under section 6 to an~~
19 ~~approved postsecondary educational institution on the student's~~
20 ~~behalf, according to a payment procedure established by the~~
21 ~~department.~~ **DISBURSE MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT MONEY TO AN APPROVED**
22 **POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION ON THE STUDENT'S BEHALF IN THE FOLLOWING**
23 **STATE FISCAL YEARS, ACCORDING TO A PAYMENT PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY**
24 **THE DEPARTMENT:**

25 (A) **FOR A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT UNDER SECTION 5 OR A MICHIGAN**
26 **PROMISE GRANT INSTALLMENT UNDER SECTION 6(2)(C), IN THE STATE**
27 **FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON THE FIRST OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWING THE END OF**

1 THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THAT GRANT
2 OR INSTALLMENT.

3 (B) FOR A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT INSTALLMENT UNDER SECTION
4 6(2)(A) OR (B) OR A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT UNDER SECTION 6(3), IN
5 THE STATE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1 IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR
6 IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THAT INSTALLMENT OR GRANT.

7 (2) An approved postsecondary educational institution shall
8 apply money received under subsection (1) on a student's behalf to
9 the student's outstanding indebtedness, if any, and pay the
10 remaining balance as follows:

11 (a) Unless subdivision (b) applies, to the student.

12 (b) If the money received by the institution under this
13 subsection is a grant installment under section 6(2)(a) or (b) and
14 the student elects to leave an approved postsecondary educational
15 institution without completing the classes in which he or she
16 enrolled, to the department. The student has no further right to
17 any money returned to the department under this subdivision.

18 (3) Subsection (2) shall not be considered as creating an
19 obligation on the part of an approved postsecondary educational
20 institution to loan or advance money to a student for the payment
21 of tuition, fees, or other costs or expenses incurred by the
22 student at that institution.

23 (4) The department may promulgate rules to implement and
24 administer this act, including, but not limited to, 1 or more of
25 the following:

26 (a) Rules establishing the department's administrative
27 procedures for the Michigan promise grant program.

1 (b) Rules governing the qualification requirements for or the
2 award of Michigan promise grants under this act.

3 (c) Rules establishing an appeals process from a determination
4 of ineligibility for a Michigan promise grant.

5 (d) Rules establishing what information or reports a student
6 or an approved postsecondary educational institution must provide
7 to establish eligibility and when that information or those reports
8 must be provided.

9 (e) Rules prescribing the reports to be made by a student
10 awarded a Michigan promise grant and by an approved postsecondary
11 educational institution to which a Michigan promise grant is paid.