

HOUSE BILL No. 5061

June 9, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Smith, Bennett and Hammel and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled
"Michigan promise grant act,"
by amending sections 4, 5, and 6 (MCL 390.1624, 390.1625, and
390.1626), section 4 as amended by 2008 PA 517, and by adding
section 7a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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) **AND SECTION 7A**, each student who
6 becomes a high school graduate in or after the 2006-2007 academic
7 year **AND BEFORE THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR** is eligible for the
8 award of a Michigan promise grant in an amount determined under
9 section 5 or 6.

1 (3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection
2 (2), the department must find that a student meets all of the
3 following eligibility requirements to award the student a Michigan
4 promise grant under this act:

5 (a) The department has received a completed application for
6 payment as described in section 7(1), including the certification
7 described in section 7(2) or (3), if applicable, on or before
8 November 15 of the state fiscal year in which they are eligible to
9 receive payment.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (ii) For a grant under section 6, the student received a

1 qualifying score in each of the reading, writing, mathematics,
2 science, and social studies components of the state assessment
3 test, and for each student who becomes a high school graduate in or
4 after the 2010-2011 academic year, successfully completes at least
5 3 credits in mathematics and 3 credits in social science as
6 described in section 1278a(1)(a) of the revised school code, 1976
7 PA 451, MCL 380.1278a, and 3 credits in science as described in
8 section 1278b(1)(b) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
9 380.1278b.

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

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

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

19 (g) The student meets any additional eligibility requirements
20 established by the department.

21 Sec. 5. (1) Subject to proration under subsection (2) and
22 adjustment under subsection (3), a student who meets the
23 eligibility requirement of section 4(3)(c)(i) and the other
24 applicable eligibility requirements under section 4 shall receive a
25 Michigan promise grant in the amount of \$4,000.00.

26 (2) If a student satisfies the eligibility requirement
27 contained in section 4(3)(c) by completing a vocational training

1 program that as determined by the department generally requires
2 less than 2 years or fewer than 1,800 clock hours, as applicable,
3 to complete, the student shall receive a prorated amount of the
4 amount described in subsection (1) that reflects the number of
5 clock hours necessary to complete the program, as determined by the
6 department.

7 (3) If in any fiscal year the department determines that the
8 amount appropriated by the legislature for the payment of Michigan
9 promise grants is not sufficient to pay each eligible student the
10 Michigan promise grant amount required under this section for an
11 academic year, the department shall adjust the amount of Michigan
12 promise grants paid under this section by prorating the amounts as
13 necessary to reflect the available resources and amounts
14 appropriated in that fiscal year. The department shall notify the
15 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
16 majority leader of the senate in writing at least 30 days before
17 implementing a proration under this subsection.

18 **(4) MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE**
19 **SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 7A.**

20 Sec. 6. (1) Subject to proration under subsection (3) and
21 adjustment under subsection (4), a student who meets the
22 eligibility requirement of section 4(3)(c)(ii) and the other
23 applicable eligibility requirements under section 4 and this
24 section shall receive a Michigan promise grant in the amount of
25 \$4,000.00.

26 (2) Except for a student who is enrolled in a program
27 described in subsection (3), the department shall pay a grant under

subsection (1) as follows:

(a) One thousand dollars paid in the student's first academic year of enrollment at an approved postsecondary educational institution.

(b) One thousand dollars paid in the student's second academic year of enrollment at an approved postsecondary educational institution.

(c) The remainder of the amount of the grant after completion of 2 academic years of enrollment at an approved postsecondary educational institution. However, the student is not eligible for this installment, and forfeits any remaining grant amount to which he or she is otherwise entitled under this act, unless the student earned an associate's degree, earned a 2-year certificate of completion in a vocational education program, completed a comparable vocational training program approved by the department, or completed 50% or more of the academic requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree at an approved postsecondary educational institution within 4 years of his or her initial enrollment in that institution and meets 1 of the following:

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

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

(3) Subject to adjustment under subsection (4), a student who meets the eligibility requirement of section 4(3)(c)(ii) and the other applicable eligibility requirements under section 4 and this section, and who is enrolled in a vocational training program that

1 as determined by the department generally requires less than 2
2 years or fewer than 1,800 clock hours, as applicable, to complete,
3 shall receive a prorated amount of the amount described in
4 subsection (1) determined by the department to reflect the number
5 of clock hours necessary to complete the program.

6 (4) If in any fiscal year the department determines that the
7 amount appropriated by the legislature for the payment of Michigan
8 promise grants under this act is not sufficient to pay each
9 eligible student the amount required under this section for the
10 academic year, the department shall adjust the Michigan promise
11 grant amounts paid under this section by prorating the amounts as
12 necessary to reflect the available resources and amounts
13 appropriated in that fiscal year. The department shall notify the
14 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
15 majority leader of the senate in writing at least 30 days before
16 implementing a proration under this subsection.

17 (5) MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE
18 SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 7A.

19 SEC. 7A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT PROVIDE MICHIGAN PROMISE
20 GRANTS UNDER THIS ACT IN THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR OR ANY
21 SUBSEQUENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

22 (2) IF A STUDENT WAS AWARDED A MICHIGAN PROMISE GRANT UNDER
23 THIS ACT BEFORE THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
24 NOT PAY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT OR ANY REMAINING UNPAID
25 INSTALLMENTS OF THE GRANT TO THE STUDENT AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, 2009.

26 (3) BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT
27 ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY EACH NEW MICHIGAN

1 PROMISE GRANT RECIPIENT, EACH EXISTING GRANT RECIPIENT WHO HAS NOT
2 RECEIVED ALL OF HIS OR HER GRANT INSTALLMENTS, AND EACH APPROVED
3 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE PENDING REPEAL OF THIS
4 ACT AND THE TIMETABLES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2).

5 Enacting section 1. The Michigan promise grant act, 2006 PA
6 479, MCL 390.1621 to 390.1628, is repealed effective October 1,
7 2009.

8 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
9 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No.____ (request no.
10 00505'09) of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.