

# SENATE BILL No. 550

October 7, 2015, Introduced by Senator ZORN and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 313, entitled

"An act to award tuition grants to resident students enrolled in independent nonprofit institutions of higher learning; and to make an appropriation therefor,"

by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (MCL 390.992, 390.993, 390.994, 390.995, and 390.996), sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as amended by 1980 PA 503, and by adding section 1a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        **SEC. 1A. AS USED IN THIS ACT:**

2        **(A) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.**

3        **(B) "ELIGIBLE RESIDENT STUDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS**  
4 **RESIDED IN THIS STATE CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12**  
5 **MONTHS, IS NOT CONSIDERED A RESIDENT OF ANY OTHER STATE, IS NOT**

1 INCARCERATED IN A CORRECTIONS INSTITUTION, AND IS ENROLLED AS AN  
2 UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT IN AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT  
3 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1.

4 Sec. 2. ~~The Michigan higher education assistance authority~~  
5 ~~created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960, as amended, being~~  
6 ~~sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,~~  
7 **DEPARTMENT** shall administer the **TUITION** grants ~~which ESTABLISHED~~  
8 **UNDER SECTION 1 AND** shall, **AS PROVIDED BY THIS ACT, MAKE THOSE**  
9 **GRANTS** ~~be available to each eligible resident student registered as~~  
10 ~~an eligible undergraduate or graduate student. Priority shall be~~  
11 ~~given~~ **STUDENTS, GIVING PRIORITY** to full-time students.

12 Sec. 3. (1) Upon application of an eligible resident student,  
13 ~~who has resided in this state continuously for the preceding 12~~  
14 ~~months, is not considered a resident of any other state, is not~~  
15 ~~incarcerated in a corrections institution, and is registered in an~~  
16 ~~independent nonprofit college or university in this state, as~~  
17 ~~described in section 1, the Michigan higher education assistance~~  
18 ~~authority~~ **DEPARTMENT** shall grant **TO THAT STUDENT** an amount as  
19 provided for in this act for each semester of attendance. ~~A student~~  
20 ~~shall not be eligible for a grant for tuition and fees~~ **THAT HE OR**  
21 **SHE ATTENDS AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AS**  
22 **DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1,** for **NOT** more than 10 semesters of  
23 undergraduate education, or its equivalent in trimesters, or **ITS**  
24 equivalent as determined by the ~~authority~~ **DEPARTMENT** for less than  
25 full-time students; ~~in~~ not more than 6 semesters of graduate  
26 education, or its equivalent in trimesters; and ~~in~~ not more than 8  
27 semesters ~~in~~ **OF** dental education, or its equivalent in trimesters.

1           (2) ~~A~~**AN ELIGIBLE RESIDENT** student shall maintain satisfactory  
2 academic progress, as defined by the college or university in which  
3 the student is enrolled, in order to remain eligible for the  
4 tuition grant under this act.

5           (3) If a ~~a~~**AN ELIGIBLE RESIDENT** student possessing a degree at a  
6 given academic level enrolls for a second degree at the same  
7 academic level, the ~~authority~~**DEPARTMENT** shall include tuition  
8 grants received by the student when enrolled for the previous  
9 degree at the same level in determining the student's eligibility  
10 ~~pursuant to~~**UNDER** subsection (1).

11           Sec. 4. (1) The **DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE** amount of the  
12 grant to be paid for each semester or trimester ~~shall be determined~~  
13 ~~by the Michigan higher education assistance authority based upon an~~  
14 ~~evaluation of the family's financial resources~~ **OF THE ELIGIBLE**  
15 **RESIDENT STUDENT'S FAMILY**. In determining financial resources the  
16 ~~authority~~**DEPARTMENT** shall use the same criteria as used in ~~Act No.~~  
17 ~~208 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended, being sections 390.971~~  
18 ~~to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **1964 PA 208, MCL 390.971**  
19 **TO 390.981**. The evaluation shall make allowance for other **FAMILY**  
20 ~~members of the applicant's family enrolled in an approved~~  
21 institution of higher education.

22           (2) A grant shall not be made under this act to a student who  
23 is enrolled in a ~~program of study leading to a degree in theology,~~  
24 ~~divinity, or religious education.~~**AN INSTITUTION WHOSE PRIMARY**  
25 **PURPOSE IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ORDINATION OR APPOINTMENT AS A**  
26 **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY OF A CHURCH, DENOMINATION, OR RELIGIOUS**  
27 **ASSOCIATION, ORDER, OR SECT.**

1           (3) ~~Prorated~~ **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE PRORATED** payments shall  
2 ~~be made~~ at the beginning of each semester or term to the **ELIGIBLE**  
3 **RESIDENT** student or to the college or university for credit to the  
4 student's account.

5           Sec. 5. Each tuition grant shall not exceed the amount of  
6 tuition and fees for the full academic year as reported by the  
7 college or university in which the ~~applicant~~ **ELIGIBLE RESIDENT**  
8 **STUDENT** is enrolled, or an amount **THAT** the ~~Michigan higher~~  
9 ~~education assistance authority~~ **DEPARTMENT** finds appropriate in  
10 relation to the family's financial resources, whichever is ~~the~~  
11 ~~lesser.~~ **LESS**. If there are not sufficient appropriated funds to  
12 provide each **ELIGIBLE RESIDENT** student with the grant amount for  
13 which the student is eligible, the ~~Michigan higher education~~  
14 ~~assistance authority~~ **DEPARTMENT** shall establish a maximum grant  
15 level for that academic year.

16           Sec. 6. The ~~Michigan higher education assistance~~  
17 ~~authority~~ **DEPARTMENT** shall promulgate rules to ~~carry out~~ **IMPLEMENT**  
18 this act pursuant to ~~Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as~~  
19 ~~amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled~~  
20 ~~Laws.~~ **THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL**  
21 **24.201 TO 24.328.**