

SENATE BILL NO. 251

April 09, 2019, Introduced by Senator ALEXANDER and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to require state public universities that authorize the organization and operation of public school academies to admit into the universities' undergraduate programs certain high school graduates from those university-authorized public school academies and to provide all necessary remedial education to students so admitted; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "open

1 university admissions for graduates of university-chartered high
2 schools act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authorizing body" means a public agency that authorizes
5 the organization and operation of 1 or more public school academies
6 under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

7 (b) "Eligible student" means an individual who meets both of
8 the following:

9 (i) Was awarded a high school diploma from a public school
10 academy after attending all of grades 9 to 12 at that public school
11 academy in a course of study designed for college readiness.

12 (ii) Completed the high school course of study described in
13 subparagraph (i) on or after the effective date of this act.

14 (c) "Public school academy" means that term as defined in
15 section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

16 (d) "State public university" means a university described in
17 section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of
18 1963.

19 Sec. 5. Regardless of its admission standards relating to
20 academic potential, including, but not limited to, high school
21 academic performance and standardized test scores, the governing
22 board of a state public university shall accept the application of
23 an eligible student for enrollment into any of the university's
24 baccalaureate programs if the governing board was an authorizing
25 body of the public school academy from which the eligible student
26 graduated on the date that the eligible student completed his or
27 her studies at that public school academy.

28 Sec. 7. If an eligible student who is admitted to a state
29 public university under section 5 needs remedial education to

1 complete a baccalaureate program of his or her choosing, the state
2 public university shall provide, at the university's expense, all
3 necessary remedial education.

4 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
5 date it is enacted into law.