

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4407

April 13, 2023, Introduced by Rep. Paquette and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
by amending section 260 (MCL 388.1860), as amended by 2022 PA 144.

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

- 1           Sec. 260. (1) The department of treasury shall work with
- 2 student and postsecondary education groups, including the Michigan
- 3 College Access Network, the Michigan Association of School

1 Counselors, the Michigan Association of State Universities, the  
2 Michigan Community College Association, and the Michigan  
3 Independent Colleges and Universities, to provide and update an  
4 online informational resource for students in grades 9 through 12  
5 and prospective and current students and families. The online  
6 informational resource must be a website or a portion of an  
7 existing website titled "Paying for College in Michigan" and  
8 designed and maintained by the department of treasury that, to the  
9 extent practicable, contains information, including, but not  
10 limited to, all of the following:

11 (a) A list of public and private community support centers,  
12 student debt clinics, and other organizations and their contact  
13 information submitted by Michigan College Access Network that  
14 provides free information and services for student loan borrowers  
15 to help educate them about repayment options and to help them  
16 access student loan programs or benefits for which they may be  
17 eligible.

18 (b) Links to state and federal financial aid programs,  
19 including FAFSA and College Scorecard. **Links to FAFSA must include**  
20 **links to information regarding requirements for maintaining**  
21 **eligibility for federal grants and scenarios that may require**  
22 **partial or full repayment of grant funds, such as early withdrawal**  
23 **or other changes in enrollment status or receipt of outside**  
24 **scholarships or grants that may reduce the need for federal student**  
25 **aid.**

26 (c) Links to each promise zone website and the financial aid  
27 website to each community college, public university, and  
28 independent college and university in this state.

29 (d) Benefits of federal student loans that may no longer be

1 available if a borrower refinances a loan.

2 (e) Direct links to net price calculators for each community  
3 college receiving an appropriation in section 201 and each  
4 university receiving an appropriation in section 236.

5 (f) Definitions that clearly delineate the differences between  
6 scholarships, grants, and loans.

7 (g) A description of net price calculators and how to use them  
8 to create a personalized estimate of a student's out-of-pocket cost  
9 for the coming year based on basic family and financial information  
10 and likely financial aid eligibility.

11 (h) Information on the fundamentals of borrowing and  
12 repayment, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

13 (i) A link to the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness  
14 Program.

15 (ii) Deciding how much to borrow.

16 (iii) Creating a plan for borrowing and repayment.

17 (iv) Estimating how much borrowing is needed for a given school  
18 year.

19 (v) Evaluating financial aid offers.

20 (vi) Factors that affect total student loan costs.

21 (vii) Tips for graduating with less student loan debt.

22 (viii) A loan payment calculator or a link to a loan payment  
23 calculator that can be used for different types of loans.

24 (ix) Links to federal student loan entrance and exit counseling  
25 services and the FACT tool.

26 (x) Student loan debt relief scams.

27 (i) Loan amortization information.

28 (2) A university receiving an appropriation in section 236  
29 shall place a prominent link to the website created under this

1 section on its website homepage.

2 (3) Independent colleges and universities in this state are  
3 encouraged to place a link to the website created under this  
4 section on their website homepages.

5 (4) By November 1 of each year, the department of treasury  
6 shall inform each high school in this state about the website  
7 described in this section and encourage them to distribute the  
8 information to all students in grades 9 through 12.

9 (5) The department shall audit the website not less than once  
10 per year to ensure links continue to be accurate, active, and up-  
11 to-date for students and families.