

SENATE BILL NO. 676

November 09, 2023, Introduced by Senator HUIZENGA and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2005 PA 248, entitled "Children of veterans tuition grant act," by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.1342 and 390.1344).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Academic year" means the period from August 1 of a
3 calendar year to July 31 of the next calendar year.

4 (b) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance
5 authority created by 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961, **or its**
6 **successor.**

1 (c) "Eligible institution" means a degree or certificate
2 granting public or independent nonprofit college or university,
3 junior college, or community college in this state.

4 (d) "Eligible tuition" means the tuition charged by an
5 eligible institution for an undergraduate class.

6 (e) "Full-time student" means a student enrolled in at least
7 12 credit hours in an academic semester or its equivalent number of
8 credit hours in a term or quarter, as determined by the authority.

9 (f) "Michigan veteran" means an individual whose legal
10 residence immediately before entering military service was in this
11 state and who does not later reside outside of this state for a
12 period of more than 2 years, or an individual who establishes legal
13 residency in this state after entering military service.

14 (g) "Part-time student" means a student who is not a full-time
15 student, but is enrolled in at least the number of credit hours in
16 a semester, term, or quarter that the authority defines as a 1/2-
17 time course of study.

18 (h) "Undergraduate class" means a class or course that
19 provides a student with academic credit applicable toward a
20 ~~bachelor~~**bachelor's** or associate degree from an eligible
21 institution.

22 Sec. 4. (1) ~~Subject to subsection (3), beginning in the 2005-~~
23 ~~2006 academic year, the~~**The** authority shall provide a tuition grant
24 in an amount determined under subsection (2) to any student who
25 meets all of the following requirements:

26 (a) Is enrolled in that academic year as a full-time or part-
27 time student in undergraduate classes at an eligible institution.

28 (b) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident of the
29 United States.

1 (c) Is more than 16 and less than 26 years of age.

2 (d) Is the natural or adopted child of a Michigan veteran and
3 the Michigan veteran meets or met any of the following:

4 (i) ~~He or she was~~ **Was** killed in action or died from another
5 cause while serving in a war or war condition in which the United
6 States was or is a participant.

7 (ii) ~~The United States department of veterans affairs has~~
8 ~~determined that he or she~~ **As determined by the United States**
9 **Department of Veterans Affairs**, died or is totally and permanently
10 disabled as a result of a service-connected illness or injury.

11 (iii) ~~The United States department of veterans affairs has~~
12 ~~determined he or she~~ **As determined by the United States Department**
13 **of Veterans Affairs**, was permanently and totally disabled as a
14 result of a service-connected illness or injury before death, and
15 ~~he or she~~ died from any cause.

16 (iv) ~~He or she is~~ **Is** officially listed by the United States
17 government as missing in action in a foreign country.

18 (e) Has resided continuously in this state for the 12 months
19 immediately preceding the date of ~~his or her~~ **the student's**
20 application and is not a resident of any other state.

21 (f) Has maintained a cumulative grade point average of at
22 least 2.25 in any undergraduate classes ~~he or she~~ **the student**
23 completed at any eligible institution in any previous academic
24 years.

25 (g) Is in compliance with this act and the rules promulgated
26 under this act.

27 ~~(h) Has not been convicted of a felony involving an assault,~~
28 ~~physical injury, or death.~~

29 (h) ~~(i)~~ Meets any other standards established in rules

1 promulgated by the authority under section 3.

2 (2) ~~Subject to subsection (3), the~~ **The** amount of a tuition
3 grant described in subsection (1) in an academic year for a full-
4 time student is \$2,800.00, or an amount equal to all of the
5 student's eligible tuition in that academic year, whichever is
6 less. The amount of the tuition grant for a part-time student is
7 1/2 of the amount of a full-time student as determined by the
8 authority. The authority may reduce the amount of the tuition
9 grants in any academic year on a pro rata basis to reflect the
10 amount then available for the tuition grant program, but only after
11 providing notice to the legislature under section 6(2).

12 ~~(3) If a student receives tuition waiver assistance in the~~
13 ~~2005-2006 academic year under the tuition waiver program provided~~
14 ~~in 1935 PA 245, MCL 35.111 to 35.112, is a person described in~~
15 ~~section 1(3) of 1935 PA 245, MCL 35.111, and meets the eligibility~~
16 ~~requirements of this act, the amount of the tuition grant under~~
17 ~~this act for that student in the 2005-2006 academic year shall be~~
18 ~~reduced by the amount of tuition waiver assistance that student~~
19 ~~received under 1935 PA 245.~~

20 **(3)** ~~(4)~~ An individual shall ~~must~~ not receive tuition grant
21 assistance under this act ~~or tuition waiver assistance under 1935~~
22 ~~PA 245, MCL 35.111 to 35.112, or both, in more than 4 academic~~
23 years.