

HOUSE BILL NO. 4129

February 25, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Andrews, Greene, Steckloff, Bohnak, BeGole, McFall, Alexander, Thompson, Aragona, VanWoerkom, Bruck and Wooden and referred to Committee on Energy.

A bill to create a nuclear and hydrogen graduate attraction and retention program to award grants to certain graduates of a postsecondary school who are employed in this state at a qualified electric generation facility after graduation; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to prohibit the submission of false information and prescribe penalties; to provide remedies; to create certain funds; to provide for the distribution of money from certain funds; and to allow the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "nuclear and hydrogen
2 graduate attraction and retention program act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Date of graduation" means the date an individual
5 graduates as described in subdivision (i) (i) .

6 (b) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
7 opportunity.

8 (c) "Fund" means the nuclear and hydrogen graduate attraction
9 and retention program fund created in section 11.

10 (d) "Postsecondary school" means any degree- or certificate-
11 granting public or private college or university, junior college,
12 community college, or vocational or technical school.

13 (e) "Program" means the nuclear and hydrogen graduate
14 attraction and retention program created under section 5.

15 (f) "Program participant" means a qualified individual who is
16 accepted into the program.

17 (g) "Qualified education program" means an instructional
18 program that leads to a degree or credential that supports the
19 nuclear industry, the hydrogen industry, or both, including, but
20 not limited to, any skilled craft or engineering program that
21 supports the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of an
22 electricity-generating facility powered by nuclear or hydrogen
23 energy.

24 (h) "Qualified electric generation facility" means an electric
25 generation facility or an electric generation plant located in this
26 state that produces electricity using nuclear or hydrogen
27 technology.

28 (i) "Qualified individual" means an individual who meets both

1 of the following requirements:

2 (i) Graduates from an in-state or out-of-state postsecondary
3 school with a degree or credential from a qualified education
4 program.

5 (ii) Accepts employment after graduation at a qualified
6 electric generation facility in this state.

7 Sec. 5. (1) The department shall create and administer the
8 nuclear and hydrogen graduate attraction and retention program to
9 provide grants to qualified individuals as described in this
10 section.

11 (2) The department shall develop a detailed application,
12 approval, and compliance process for the program that is published
13 and available on the department's website.

14 (3) A qualified individual must apply not later than 12 months
15 after the date of graduation to be eligible for the program.

16 (4) Under the program, the department shall award a program
17 participant a grant to be paid annually in equal installments for a
18 period of 3 years. However, if the program participant ceases to be
19 employed at a qualified electric generation facility in this state,
20 the program participant is no longer eligible to receive an annual
21 payment under this subsection.

22 (5) The department shall not make a payment to a program
23 participant under subsection (4) unless the program participant
24 provides documentation to the department, in the form and manner
25 prescribed by the department, that the program participant was
26 employed at a qualified electric generation facility during the
27 year to which the payment relates.

28 Sec. 7. (1) If a program participant receives a payment under
29 the program to which the program participant is not entitled, the

1 program participant shall repay the payment to the department.

2 (2) If a program participant receives a payment under the
3 program to which the program participant is not entitled and does
4 not repay the department as required under subsection (1), the
5 attorney general may bring an action to collect the required
6 repayment.

7 (3) Repayments received under this section must be transmitted
8 to the state treasurer for deposit in the fund.

9 Sec. 9. An individual who knowingly provides false information
10 to the department in an application, request for payment, or
11 documentation submitted under section 5 is guilty of a misdemeanor
12 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days, a fine of not
13 more than \$1,000.00, or both.

14 Sec. 11. (1) The nuclear and hydrogen graduate attraction and
15 retention program fund is created in the state treasury.

16 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets
17 received under section 7 or from any other source in the fund. The
18 state treasurer shall direct the investment of money in the fund
19 and credit interest and earnings from the investments to the fund.

20 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year remains
21 in the fund and does not lapse to the general fund.

22 (4) The department is the administrator of the fund for audits
23 of the fund.

24 (5) The department shall expend money from the fund, on
25 appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

26 (a) To administer the program.

27 (b) To provide grant awards under the program.

28 (c) To enforce violations of this act.

29 Sec. 13. The department may promulgate rules to implement this

1 act under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,
2 MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

3 Sec. 15. (1) By October 31 of each year, the department shall
4 submit a report regarding the status of the program to the
5 chairperson of the senate appropriations committee, the chairperson
6 of the senate energy and environment committee, the chairperson of
7 the house of representatives appropriation committee, the
8 chairperson of the house of representatives energy, communications,
9 and technology committee, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.
10 The report must include all of the following information for the
11 immediately preceding fiscal year:

12 (a) The total number of program participants.

13 (b) The number of program participants in each year of the 3-
14 year period.

15 (c) The number of program participants who completed the 3-
16 year period.

17 (d) The number of program participants who ceased to qualify
18 for an annual payment because they are no longer employed at a
19 qualified electric generation facility.

20 (e) A breakdown of active program participants by nuclear
21 industry or hydrogen industry.

22 (2) As used in this section:

23 (a) "Active program participant" means a program participant
24 whose 3-year period has not ended.

25 (b) "3-year period" means the 3-year period described in
26 section 5(4).

27 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all
28 of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are enacted into
29 law:

- 1 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S00154'25) or House Bill
2 No. 4124 (request no. H00154'25).
3 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S00155'25) or House Bill
4 No. 4127 (request no. H00155'25).
5 (c) Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S00157'25) or House Bill
6 No. 4125 (request no. H00157'25).
7 (d) Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S00158'25) or House Bill
8 No. 4126 (request no. H00158'25).
9 (e) Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S01460'25) or House Bill
10 No. 4128 (request no. H01460'25).