

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

***** 388.1841d.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 *****

388.1841d.added Michigan office of postsecondary educational attainment.

Sec. 241d. (1) The Michigan office of postsecondary educational attainment is created in the department of labor and economic opportunity. The office may use funds appropriated in this act or other funds appropriated to the department, if funds are available, to hire employees and enter into contracts with vendors for services, supplies, and other necessary purchases to do the following:

(a) Review and evaluate all state financial aid programs within the executive branch of government, with a focus on improving postsecondary educational outcomes, operations, and impact on college affordability, and make recommendations as to those improvements.

(b) Serve as the coordinating office for all agencies of the executive branch of government that are responsible for financial aid programs administered by the state.

(c) Survey stakeholders, including public, tribal, and private not-for-profit colleges and universities, state departments and agencies, and statewide postsecondary education associations, on student financial aid policy to improve this state's administration of programs under subdivision (a).

(d) Consolidate reports received from individual colleges and universities under articles II and III into a single statewide report for each separate reporting requirement, and make those consolidated reports with summary available to the governor and legislature.

(e) Provide analysis of data collected by the center, higher education information data inventory, and individual colleges and universities to assist students, prospective students, and their families in making decisions on postsecondary education.

(f) Provide recommendations that would improve the delivery of student financial aid, increase postsecondary attainment in this state, and assist with achieving the goals stated in sections 226e and 275j.

(2) By September 30, 2024, the office shall provide a report to the house and senate subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report must include the following:

(a) A detailed list of expenditures made under this section.

(b) A detailed list of achievements, process improvements, reports, and other accomplishments of the office during the current fiscal year.

(c) A detailed list of recommendations that would improve the administration of student financial aid in this state.

(d) A detailed list of recommendations that would improve postsecondary attainment in this state.

(3) It is the intent of the legislature to recognize that state universities and community colleges remain under the supervision and control of their governing boards.

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