



SENATE BILL No. 88

January 17, 1995, Introduced by Senator VAUGHN
and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to create the Michigan nursing opportunity program to provide scholarships for certain students enrolled in certain nursing education programs; to provide for its administration; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of the Michigan higher education assistance authority.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan nursing opportunity act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Approved nursing education program" means a nursing
5 education program conducted by a degree-granting public or pri-
6 vate university, college, community college, or junior college in
7 this state that leads to the fulfillment of the requirements for
8 licensure as a registered professional nurse under part 172 of

1 the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978,
2 being sections 333.17201 to 333.17242 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, and that is approved by the board of nursing under section
4 17241 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section
5 333.17241 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

6 (b) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assist-
7 ance authority established under Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of
8 1960, being sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled
9 Laws.

10 Sec. 3. The Michigan nursing opportunity program is creat-
11 ed, to be administered by the authority. The authority shall do
12 all of the following:

13 (a) Determine the eligibility of applicants.

14 (b) Make grants to eligible individuals as provided in this
15 act.

16 (c) Promulgate rules it considers necessary to administer
17 this act under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act
18 No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to
19 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

20 Sec. 4. An individual is eligible for a Michigan nursing
21 opportunity grant under this act if he or she is determined by
22 the authority to meet all of the following requirements:

23 (a) Has resided continuously in this state for the 12 months
24 immediately preceding his or her application and is not consid-
25 ered a resident of any other state.

26 (b) Is not incarcerated in a correctional facility.

(c) Is enrolled in at least a half-time program of study in an approved nursing education program.

(d) Is a member of a minority group that is underrepresented in the nursing profession.

(e) Has financial need as determined by the evaluation of financial resources under section 5.

(f) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident.

(g) Is not in default on a loan guaranteed by the authority.

Sec. 5. (1) The amount of a Michigan nursing opportunity grant to be paid for each semester, term, or quarter shall be determined by the authority based upon an evaluation of the applicant's family financial resources. In evaluating financial resources, the authority shall use the same criteria as used under Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, being sections 390.971 to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) The amount of a Michigan nursing opportunity grant shall not exceed the amount of tuition and fees for the full academic year as reported by the institution in which the student is enrolled or the amount the authority finds appropriate in relation to the applicant's family financial resources, whichever is less.

(3) The authority shall make prorated payments of Michigan nursing opportunity grants at the beginning of each semester, term, or quarter to the student or to the institution in which the student is enrolled for credit to the student's account.