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Senate Bill 557 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Mike Rogers

Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 105 of 1978, which provides for grants to students enrolled in independent nonprofit institutions of higher learning, to make ineligible for that aid a person who was subject to a court order denying a Federal benefit due to the conviction of any State or Federal offense for the distribution or possession of controlled substances. The person would not be eligible for the financial aid for the duration of the court order. The bill refers to Federal benefits as described in the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act.

(Under the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, "Federal benefit" means the issuance of any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States. "Federal benefit" does not include any retirement, welfare, Social Security, health, disability, veterans benefit, public housing, or other similar benefit, or any other benefit for which payments or services are required for eligibility.)

MCL 390.1274 et al. Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government because Tuition Differential Grants have not received any State funding since FY 1984-85.

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