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Senate Bill 1097 (as enacted)
Sponsor: Senator Ron Jelinek
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CONTENT

Senate Bill 1097 amended the Revised School Code by allowing districts to establish and administer scholarships for their students or graduates to attend postsecondary institutions, using funds received as a result of a gaming compact between the State and an Indian tribe. A program funded with such scholarships must adhere to the following: a) students or graduates eligible to receive funding are enrolled in the school district for all of grades 9-12 and either the student or graduate is a resident of the district for all of grades 9-12 or, if not a resident, the student or graduate was enrolled in the district for 2009-2010 and is enrolled continuously after that until graduation; and b) the amount of a scholarship for a student or graduate who was not enrolled in and a continuous resident of the school district for all of grades K-12 is adjusted based on length of enrollment and continuous residency, or, for a nonresident student, based on length of enrollment.

(Local district legal counsel apparently had advised that legislation was necessary if gaming compact funds are to be given to K-12 schools for the purpose of graduates' attending postsecondary institutions, which lies beyond the K-12 scope. Therefore, an amendment to the Revised School Code was requested.)

MCL 380.11a

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill will have no fiscal impact on the State.

A local district may receive gaming funds under this legislation, but only to provide scholarships; therefore, any dollars received will be earmarked for that specific purpose.

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