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Senate Bill 298 (as introduced 5-7-19)
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor
Committee: Appropriations

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Act to allow an eligible foster care student to apply for a scholarship if, in addition to satisfying other criteria, the student were attending a trade school or technical school.

Currently, a foster care student is eligible for a scholarship if all of the following apply:

- The student was in foster care after his or her 13th birthday due to abuse or neglect.
- The student has an unmet financial education need.
- The student has completed the application and submitted the required documentation.
- The student maintains satisfactory academic progress.

In addition to the above, the student is eligible if he or she is attending an institution of higher education in the State. Under the bill, the student would be eligible if he or she were attending an institution of higher education, or a trade school or technical school as those terms are defined in the bill.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the State and no fiscal impact on local government. As the total appropriations and charitable donations are the constraint on total scholarship amounts made to the program, adding a new type of institution eligible to receive scholarships would allow a broader population of students to apply without necessarily increasing the cost to the State.

From fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 through FY 2018-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) budget has appropriated a total of approximately \$3.5 million towards Fostering Futures scholarships. The table below shows details of the 386 recipients of the Fostering Futures Scholarship program for FY 2017-18 (the most recent available full fiscal year data).

Institute of Higher Education	Federal Funds	GF/GP	Charitable Donations	Total
Albion College	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Alma College	2,000	500	500	3,000
Alpena Community College	2,133	1,000	500	3,633

Institute of Higher Education	Federal Funds	GF/GP	Charitable Donations	Total
Aquinas College	2,000	500	500	3,000
Baker College	14,000	3,500	3,500	21,000
Calvin College	5,000	1,500	1,000	7,500
Central Michigan University	10,000	3,000	2,000	15,000
Davenport University	4,000	1,000	1,000	6,000
Delta College	5,567	1,000	1,458	8,025
Eastern Michigan University	23,000	0	11,500	34,500
Ferris State University	30,013	0	16,924	46,937
Grace Bible College	2,000	1,000	3,000	6,000
Grand Rapids Community College	8,000	3,000	1,000	12,000
Grand Valley State University	10,000	2,500	2,500	15,000
Great Lakes Christian College	1,000	0	500	1,500
Henry Ford College	15,059	5,500	2,000	22,559
Jackson College	5,000	1,500	1,000	7,500
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	7,365	500	3,500	11,365
Kellogg Community College	1,000	0	500	1,500
Kirtland Community College	6,000	1,500	1,500	9,000
Lake Michigan College	1,000	0	2,000	3,000
Lake Superior State University	2,000	500	500	3,000
Lansing Community College	4,158	4,000	9,406	17,564
Macomb Community College	5,923	3,000	10,334	19,257
Madonna University	1,000	500	1,500	3,000
Michigan State University	43,000	10,000	11,500	64,500
Michigan Technological University	4,400	1,500	1,500	7,400
Mid Michigan Community College	2,126	1,500	875	4,501
Monroe County Community College	899	0	500	1,399
Montcalm Community College	5,159	2,000	1,500	8,659
Mott Community College	3,006	1,500	500	5,006
Muskegon Community College	0	0	2,267	2,267
Northern Michigan University	15,024	4,000	4,500	23,524
Northwestern Michigan College	13,000	4,000	2,500	19,500
Oakland Community College	17,000	4,000	4,500	25,500
Oakland University	7,000	1,500	2,000	10,500
Rochester College	1,000	500	0	1,500
Saginaw Valley State University	23,000	5,500	6,000	34,500
Schoolcraft College	2,741	1,500	4,500	8,741
Siena Heights University	7,000	2,000	1,500	10,500
Southwestern Michigan College	2,000	500	500	3,000
University of Detroit Mercy	2,000	500	500	3,000
University of Michigan Ann Arbor	6,000	0	12,000	18,000
University of Michigan Dearborn	1,000	0	500	1,500
University of Michigan Flint	15,000	4,500	3,000	22,500
Washtenaw Community College	1,509	2,000	2,570	6,079
Wayne County Community College	8,190	0	13,970	22,160

Institute of Higher Education	Federal Funds	GF/GP	Charitable Donations	Total
Wayne State University	27,000	6,000	7,500	40,500
West Shore Community College	580	500	0	1,080
Western Michigan University	226,177	61,500	58,172	345,849
Scholarship Refunds	<u>(2,029)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,029)</u>
Total	\$600,000	\$150,000	\$222,476	\$972,476

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