

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5175

October 17, 2023, Introduced by Reps. O'Neal, Hope and Wilson and referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

A bill to amend 2005 PA 248, entitled  
"Children of veterans tuition grant act,"  
by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.1342 and 390.1344).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Academic year" means the period from August 1 of a  
3       calendar year to July 31 of the next calendar year.

4       (b) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance  
5       authority created by 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961, **or its**  
6       **successor.**

1 (c) "Eligible institution" means a degree or certificate  
2 granting public or independent nonprofit college or university,  
3 junior college, or community college in this state.

4 (d) "Eligible tuition" means the tuition charged by an  
5 eligible institution for an undergraduate class.

6 (e) "Full-time student" means a student enrolled in at least  
7 12 credit hours in an academic semester or its equivalent number of  
8 credit hours in a term or quarter, as determined by the authority.

9 (f) "Michigan veteran" means an individual whose legal  
10 residence immediately before entering military service was in this  
11 state and who does not later reside outside of this state for a  
12 period of more than 2 years, or an individual who establishes legal  
13 residency in this state after entering military service.

14 (g) "Part-time student" means a student who is not a full-time  
15 student, but is enrolled in at least the number of credit hours in  
16 a semester, term, or quarter that the authority defines as a 1/2-  
17 time course of study.

18 (h) "Undergraduate class" means a class or course that  
19 provides a student with academic credit applicable toward a  
20 ~~bachelor~~**bachelor's** or associate degree from an eligible  
21 institution.

22 Sec. 4. (1) ~~Subject to subsection (3), beginning in the 2005-~~  
23 ~~2006 academic year, the~~**The** authority shall provide a tuition grant  
24 in an amount determined under subsection (2) to any student who  
25 meets all of the following requirements:

26 (a) Is enrolled in that academic year as a full-time or part-  
27 time student in undergraduate classes at an eligible institution.

28 (b) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident of the  
29 United States.

1 (c) Is more than 16 and less than 26 years of age.

2 (d) Is the natural or adopted child of a Michigan veteran and  
3 the Michigan veteran meets or met any of the following:

4 (i) ~~He or she was~~ **Was** killed in action or died from another  
5 cause while serving in a war or war condition in which the United  
6 States was or is a participant.

7 (ii) ~~The United States department of veterans affairs has~~  
8 ~~determined that he or she~~ **As determined by the United States**  
9 **Department of Veterans Affairs**, died or is totally and permanently  
10 disabled as a result of a service-connected illness or injury.

11 (iii) ~~The United States department of veterans affairs has~~  
12 ~~determined he or she~~ **As determined by the United States Department**  
13 **of Veterans Affairs**, was permanently and totally disabled as a  
14 result of a service-connected illness or injury before death, and  
15 ~~he or she~~ died from any cause.

16 (iv) ~~He or she is~~ **Is** officially listed by the United States  
17 government as missing in action in a foreign country.

18 (e) Has resided continuously in this state for the 12 months  
19 immediately preceding the date of ~~his or her~~ **the student's**  
20 application and is not a resident of any other state.

21 (f) Has maintained a cumulative grade point average of at  
22 least 2.25 in any undergraduate classes ~~he or she~~ **the student**  
23 completed at any eligible institution in any previous academic  
24 years.

25 (g) Is in compliance with this act and the rules promulgated  
26 under this act.

27 ~~(h) Has not been convicted of a felony involving an assault,~~  
28 ~~physical injury, or death.~~

29 (h) ~~(i)~~ Meets any other standards established in rules

1 promulgated by the authority under section 3.

2 (2) ~~Subject to subsection (3), the~~ **The** amount of a tuition  
3 grant described in subsection (1) in an academic year for a full-  
4 time student is \$2,800.00, or an amount equal to all of the  
5 student's eligible tuition in that academic year, whichever is  
6 less. The amount of the tuition grant for a part-time student is  
7 1/2 of the amount of a full-time student as determined by the  
8 authority. The authority may reduce the amount of the tuition  
9 grants in any academic year on a pro rata basis to reflect the  
10 amount then available for the tuition grant program, but only after  
11 providing notice to the legislature under section 6(2).

12 ~~(3) If a student receives tuition waiver assistance in the~~  
13 ~~2005-2006 academic year under the tuition waiver program provided~~  
14 ~~in 1935 PA 245, MCL 35.111 to 35.112, is a person described in~~  
15 ~~section 1(3) of 1935 PA 245, MCL 35.111, and meets the eligibility~~  
16 ~~requirements of this act, the amount of the tuition grant under~~  
17 ~~this act for that student in the 2005-2006 academic year shall be~~  
18 ~~reduced by the amount of tuition waiver assistance that student~~  
19 ~~received under 1935 PA 245.~~

20 **(3)** ~~(4)~~ An individual ~~shall~~ **must** not receive tuition grant  
21 assistance under this act ~~or tuition waiver assistance under 1935~~  
22 ~~PA 245, MCL 35.111 to 35.112, or both, in more than 4 academic~~  
23 years.