

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5608

March 20, 2024, Introduced by Reps. McFall, Andrews, Farhat, Filler, McKinney, Steckloff, Hope, Byrnes, Price, O'Neal, Conlin, MacDonell, Brenda Carter, DeBoer, Skaggs, Bruck, Bierlein, Cavitt, Thompson, Zorn, Schuette and Kunse and referred to the Committee on Energy, Communications, and Technology.

A bill to create a program that awards grants to certain postsecondary schools in this state that establish or expand certain educational programs that lead to degrees or credentials supportive of the nuclear and hydrogen industries; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities.

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

1           Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "nuclear and hydrogen  
2 education grant program act".

3           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Department" means the department of labor and economic

1 opportunity.

2 (b) "Fund" means the nuclear and hydrogen education grant  
3 program fund created in the nuclear and hydrogen education grant  
4 program fund act.

5 (c) "Postsecondary school" means any degree- or certificate-  
6 granting public or private college or university, junior college,  
7 community college, or vocational or technical school in this state.

8 (d) "Program" means the nuclear and hydrogen education grant  
9 program created in section 4.

10 (e) "Qualified education program" means an instructional  
11 program that meets both of the following:

12 (i) Leads to a degree or credential that supports the nuclear  
13 industry, the hydrogen industry, or both, including, but not  
14 limited to, any skilled craft or engineering program that supports  
15 the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of an  
16 electricity-generating facility powered by nuclear or hydrogen  
17 energy.

18 (ii) Offers or otherwise makes available a scholarship program  
19 that provides direct grants or tax credits, or both, to students  
20 who commit in good faith to employment at a new or existing  
21 electricity-generating facility in this state powered by nuclear or  
22 hydrogen energy for a minimum of 3 years following the receipt of a  
23 degree or credential.

24 Sec. 3. It is the policy of this state to support the  
25 advancement of advanced nuclear and hydrogen industries, including  
26 educational programs that support the development of worker skills  
27 and human resources useful for the operation of new and existing  
28 electricity-generating facilities in this state powered by nuclear  
29 or hydrogen energy.

1           Sec. 4. There is created in the department the nuclear and  
2 hydrogen education grant program. The program is to be administered  
3 by the department for the purpose of awarding grants from the fund  
4 on a competitive basis to any postsecondary school that seeks to  
5 establish or expand a qualified education program.

6           Sec. 5. The department shall promulgate rules and establish  
7 policies and procedures, in accordance with the administrative  
8 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328,  
9 necessary for the administration of the program, including rules,  
10 policies, and procedures for program applications and grant awards.

11           Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all  
12 of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are enacted into  
13 law:

14           (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5606 (request no.  
15 04577'23).

16           (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5609 (request no.  
17 05524'24 \*).