

SENATE BILL NO. 720

February 14, 2024, Introduced by Senators SINGH, DAMOOSE, SHINK and BAYER and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 313, entitled
"An act to award tuition grants to resident students enrolled in independent nonprofit institutions of higher learning; and to make an appropriation therefor,"
by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (MCL 390.991, 390.992, 390.993, 390.994, 390.995, and 390.996), the title and sections 1, 4, 5, and 6 as amended by 1980 PA 503 and section 3 as amended by 2021 PA 41.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE
2 An act to award tuition grants to resident students enrolled

1 in independent nonprofit institutions of higher learning **and**
 2 **certain nonprofit institutions that provide career-oriented skilled**
 3 **trades instruction in maritime trades.** ~~; and to make an~~
 4 ~~appropriation therefor.~~

5 Sec. 1. Tuition grants are established by ~~the~~**this** state to
 6 foster the pursuit of higher education by resident students
 7 enrolled in **eligible educational institutions.** **As used in this act,**
 8 **"eligible educational institution" means an institution that meets**
 9 **all of the following:**

10 (a) **Is 1 of the following:**

11 (i) **An** independent nonprofit ~~colleges~~**college** or universities
 12 **university** in ~~the~~**this** state. ~~, which have~~

13 (ii) **A nonprofit institution in this state that provides**
 14 **career-oriented skilled trades instruction in maritime trades and**
 15 **is nationally accredited and approved for federal financial aid.**

16 (b) **Has** filed with the board of education a certificate of
 17 assurance of compliance with title 6 of the civil rights act of
 18 1964, Public Law 88-352, 77 Stat. 241, as in effect on January 1,
 19 1966. ~~, whose~~

20 (c) **Has** instructional programs **that** are not comprised solely
 21 of sectarian instruction or religious worship. ~~, and which are~~

22 (d) **Is** approved by the state board of education.

23 Sec. 2. (1) The Michigan higher education assistance authority
 24 ~~created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960, as amended, being~~
 25 ~~sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,~~ shall
 26 administer ~~the~~ grants **awarded under this act,** which ~~shall~~**must** be
 27 available to each eligible resident student registered as an
 28 eligible undergraduate or graduate student **in an eligible**
 29 **educational institution described in section 1(a)(i) or as an**

1 **eligible student in an eligible educational institution described**
 2 **in section 1(a)(ii)**. ~~Priority shall be given~~ **The authority shall**
 3 **give priority** to full-time students.

4 (2) **As used in this act, "Michigan higher education assistance**
 5 **authority" or "authority" means the Michigan higher education**
 6 **assistance authority created in 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961,**
 7 **or its successor.**

8 Sec. 3. (1) Upon application of an eligible resident student
 9 who has resided in this state continuously for the preceding 12
 10 months, is not considered a resident of any other state, is not
 11 incarcerated in a corrections institution, and is registered in an
 12 ~~independent nonprofit college or university in this state, as~~
 13 ~~described in section 1,~~ **eligible educational institution,** the
 14 Michigan higher education assistance authority shall grant an
 15 amount as provided for in this act for each semester of attendance.
 16 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a student is not
 17 eligible for a grant for tuition and fees for more than 10
 18 semesters of undergraduate **or skilled trades** education, or its
 19 equivalent in trimesters, or its equivalent as determined by the
 20 authority for less than full-time students; for more than 6
 21 semesters of graduate education, or its equivalent in trimesters;
 22 or for more than 8 semesters in dental education, or its equivalent
 23 in trimesters. A student enrolled as an undergraduate during the
 24 2020 spring term and the 2020-2021 academic year is eligible for a
 25 grant of tuition and fees for up to 12 semesters of undergraduate
 26 education, or its equivalent in trimesters, or its equivalent as
 27 determined by the authority for less than full-time students.

28 (2) A student must maintain satisfactory academic progress, as
 29 defined by the ~~college or university~~ **eligible educational**

1 **institution** in which the student is enrolled, to remain eligible
2 for the tuition grant under this act.

3 (3) If a student possessing a degree, **certificate, or**
4 **credential** at a given academic level enrolls for a second degree,
5 **certificate, or credential** at the same academic level, the
6 authority shall include tuition grants received by the student when
7 enrolled for the previous degree, **certificate, or credential** at the
8 same level in determining the student's eligibility under
9 subsection (1).

10 Sec. 4. (1) The **Michigan higher education assistance authority**
11 **shall determine the** amount of the grant to be paid for each
12 semester or trimester ~~shall be determined by the Michigan higher~~
13 ~~education assistance authority based upon~~**on** an evaluation of the
14 family's financial resources. In determining financial resources,
15 the authority shall use the same criteria as **are** used in ~~Act No.~~
16 ~~208 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended, being sections 390.971~~
17 ~~to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~**under 1964 PA 208, MCL**
18 **390.971 to 390.981.** The evaluation ~~shall~~**must** make allowance for
19 other members of the applicant's family enrolled in ~~an approved~~
20 ~~institution of higher education.~~**eligible educational institutions.**

21 (2) A grant ~~shall~~**must** not be made under this act to a student
22 who is enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in
23 theology, divinity, or religious education.

24 (3) Prorated payments ~~shall~~**must** be made at the beginning of
25 each semester or term to the student or to the ~~college or~~
26 ~~university~~**eligible educational institution** for credit to the
27 student's account.

28 Sec. 5. Each tuition grant ~~shall~~**must** not exceed the amount of
29 tuition and fees for the full academic year as reported by the

1 ~~college or university~~ **eligible educational institution** in which the
2 applicant is enrolled, or an amount the Michigan higher education
3 assistance authority finds appropriate in relation to the family's
4 financial resources, whichever is the lesser. If there are not
5 sufficient appropriated funds to provide each student with the
6 grant amount for which the student is eligible, the Michigan higher
7 education assistance authority shall establish a maximum grant
8 level for that academic year.

9 Sec. 6. The Michigan higher education assistance authority
10 shall promulgate rules to ~~carry out~~ **implement** this act pursuant to
11 ~~Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections~~
12 ~~24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **under the**
13 **administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to**
14 **24.328.**