

# SENATE BILL NO. 845

May 01, 2024, Introduced by Senator HUIZENGA and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2020 PA 68, entitled  
"Michigan reconnect grant recipient act,"  
by amending section 13 (MCL 390.1713), as amended by 2022 PA 252.

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

1           Sec. 13. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Department" means the department of labor and economic  
3 opportunity.

4           (b) "Eligible institution" means that term as defined in the  
5 Michigan reconnect grant act, 2020 PA 84, MCL 390.1701 to 390.1709.

1 (c) "Gift aid" means federal Pell grants under 20 USC 1070a  
2 and tuition incentive program benefits under section 256 of the  
3 school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1856. ~~The term Gift aid~~  
4 does not include any of the following:

5 (i) Student loans.

6 (ii) Work-study awards.

7 (iii) Qualified withdrawals made from education savings accounts  
8 to pay higher education expenses pursuant to the Michigan education  
9 savings program act, 2000 PA 161, MCL 390.1471 to 390.1486.

10 (iv) Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan  
11 educational trust program, pursuant to the Michigan education trust  
12 act, 1986 PA 316, MCL 390.1421 to 390.1442.

13 (v) Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan promise  
14 zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1661 to 390.1679.

15 (vi) Financial aid from any source that is used for nontuition  
16 expenses.

17 (d) "Industry-recognized certificate or credential" means that  
18 term as defined in the Michigan reconnect grant act, 2020 PA 84,  
19 MCL 390.1701 to 390.1709.

20 (e) "Michigan reconnect grant" means a grant awarded under the  
21 Michigan reconnect grant program.

22 (f) "Michigan reconnect grant program" means the grant program  
23 created under section 5 of the Michigan reconnect grant act, 2020  
24 PA 84, MCL 390.1705.

25 (g) "Michigan reconnect grant student" means that term as  
26 defined in the Michigan reconnect grant act, 2020 PA 84, MCL  
27 390.1701 to 390.1709.

28 (h) "Pell-eligible program" means a program eligible for grant  
29 funding under 20 USC 1070a.

1 (i) "Qualified occupational training program" means a career  
2 training program approved by the department that meets all of the  
3 following:

4 (i) Provides not less than 150, and not more than 600, clock  
5 hours of instructional time over a period of not less than 8 weeks  
6 and not more than 15 weeks. This subparagraph does not apply to a  
7 **either of the following:**

8 (A) A career training program that provides didactic  
9 instruction leading to an industry-recognized **certificate or**  
10 **credential** in health care that prepares program completers for  
11 high-demand occupations.

12 (B) A career training program that provides instruction that  
13 **prepares program completers for occupations in a skilled trade. As**  
14 **used in this sub-subparagraph, "skilled trade" means an occupation**  
15 **that is customarily learned in a practical way through a**  
16 **structured, systematic program of on-the-job supervised training;**  
17 **is clearly identified and commonly recognized throughout an**  
18 **industry; involves manual, mechanical, or technical skills and**  
19 **knowledge, the mastery of which requires a set number of hours of**  
20 **on-the-job work experience; requires related instruction to**  
21 **supplement the on-the-job training; is not merely a part of an**  
22 **apprenticeable occupation; is not a marketing, sales**  
23 **administration, administrative support, or executive or managerial**  
24 **occupation; and is not a professional or semi-professional**  
25 **occupation for which college-level education customarily is**  
26 **required.**

27 (ii) Provides training aligned with the requirements of high-  
28 skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors for occupations in  
29 this state as determined by the department in consultation with the

1 Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives.

2 (iii) Is included on this state's eligible training provider  
3 list located in the department.

4 (iv) Provides a student, upon completion of the program, with a  
5 recognized postsecondary credential that is stackable and portable  
6 across multiple employers and geographic areas.

7 (v) Has demonstrated that, within 6 months after completing  
8 the program, the median income of students who complete the program  
9 is at least 20% greater than the median income of all program  
10 enrollees 6 months before starting the program. This subparagraph  
11 does not apply to a career training program that provides didactic  
12 instruction leading to an industry-recognized **certificate or**  
13 **credential** in health care that prepares program completers for  
14 high-demand occupations.

15 (vi) For a job training program that prepares students for a  
16 professional license or certification exam, has demonstrated that  
17 students who complete the program are qualified to take and pass  
18 the licensure or certification exam.

19 (vii) Has been in operation for at least 1 year.

20 (viii) For programs offered by institutions of higher education,  
21 includes institutional credit articulation for a student in a  
22 noncredit job training program.

23 (ix) ~~If the~~ **For a** course of study ~~is~~ provided by an  
24 apprenticeship program, ~~the program must be~~ **is** registered with the  
25 United States Department of Labor under the national apprenticeship  
26 act, 29 USC 50 et seq.