

**PAYMENT FOR EARNED DEGREES**  
**Act 75 of 1974**

AN ACT to provide for payment to approved independent nonprofit institutions of higher education, located within the state, for all earned degrees conferred upon Michigan residents; and to provide for appropriations.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974;—Am. 1976, Act 59, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1976;—Am. 1980, Act 384, Eff. July 1, 1981.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**390.1021 Reimbursement of independent nonprofit institutions of higher education for earned degrees conferred upon Michigan residents; eligibility for allied health degree reimbursement; report; definitions.**

Sec. 1. (1) The state board of education shall annually, upon application therefor, reimburse according to a schedule of amounts to be determined annually by the legislature each approved independent nonprofit institution of higher education located within the state for all earned associate, bachelor, master, doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine, juris doctor law, and allied health degrees conferred upon Michigan residents during the prior fiscal year. To be eligible for allied health degree reimbursement under this act, the degree program shall include a clinical education requirement before completion of the degree and also shall include all educational requirements necessary for the student to function as an allied health practitioner and to qualify for the appropriate certification, registration, or license for the profession.

(2) The state board of education shall report to the legislature annually, the eligible institutions, the number of earned degrees conferred, and the total amounts to be paid under this act.

(3) As used in this act:

(a) "Allied health degree" means an earned baccalaureate or master degree in nursing, medical technology, medical records administration, dietetics, physician's assistant, emergency medical technology, respiratory therapy, anesthesia, nuclear medicine technology, and other allied health programs which are determined by the state board of education to qualify for reimbursement.

(b) "Michigan resident" means a person who was a resident of the state at the time of graduation from high school or for a minimum of 12 months prior to the first enrollment in the specified degree program.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974;—Am. 1976, Act 59, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1976;—Am. 1980, Act 384, Eff. July 1, 1981.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Michigan higher education assistance authority, the Michigan higher education student loan authority, and the office of student financial assistance services in the department of education to the department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 1995-2, compiled at MCL 12.181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**390.1022 Qualifications for state payments.**

Sec. 2. To qualify for state payments under this act, an independent nonprofit institution of higher education shall:

(a) Be incorporated under Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, being sections 450.98 to 450.192 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or subject to that act without formal organization thereunder.

(b) Submit annually to the state board of education reports which are required and necessary to administer this act.

(c) Maintain for 3 years and make available for inspection records necessary for conducting an audit and for administration of this act.

(d) File with the state board of education a certificate of assurance of compliance with title 6 of the civil rights act of 1964, Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241, as in effect on January 1, 1966.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974;—Am. 1980, Act 384, Eff. July 1, 1981;—Am. 1984, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 13, 1984.

**390.1023 Certain degrees excluded from computation.**

Sec. 3. (1) A degree earned in a program with respect to which state reimbursement other than that established by this act is granted to an independent nonprofit institution is excluded from computation under section 1.

(2) A degree conferred by an institution whose primary purpose is to prepare students for ordination or appointment as a member of the clergy of a church, denomination, or religious association, order, or sect is excluded from computation under section 1.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974;—Am. 1980, Act 384, Eff. July 1, 1981;—Am. 1984, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 13, 1984;—Am. 2004, Act 145, Imd. Eff. June 15, 2004.

**390.1024 Repealed. 1978, Act 60, Imd. Eff. Mar. 14, 1978.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section provided a limitation on payments.

**390.1025 Appropriations authorized.**

Sec. 5. For each fiscal year, the legislature shall appropriate the sums necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974;—Am. 1980, Act 384, Eff. July 1, 1981.

**390.1026 Payment and use of amounts appropriated; authorization of expenditures.**

Sec. 6. (1) The amounts appropriated shall be paid out of the general fund of the state at such times and in such manner as is provided by law.

(2) Expenditures under this act shall be authorized when the release of the appropriation is authorized by the state administrative board.

(3) The amounts appropriated shall be used solely for the respective purposes stated in this act except as otherwise provided by law.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974.

**390.1027 Eligibility to receive funds.**

Sec. 7. To be eligible to receive funds under this act, an institution shall be eligible for state reimbursement under the provisions of the constitution of the United States and the state constitution of 1963.

**History:** 1974, Act 75, Imd. Eff. Apr. 4, 1974;—Am. 1980, Act 384, Eff. July 1, 1981.

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