

# HOUSE BILL No. 4540

March 13, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Hood, Richard A. Young, Harrison, Emerson and Bennane and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

A bill to provide free tuition at state public institutions of higher education for dependents of Michigan residents serving in Operation Desert Storm; and to provide for an appropriation.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "Operation Desert Storm tuition act".

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Department" means the department of military affairs.

5       (b) "Dependent" means an individual who can be claimed as a  
6 dependent under the internal revenue code.

7       (c) "Michigan Operation Desert Storm serviceperson" means  
8 either of the following:

9       (i) A resident of this state who is on active duty in the  
10 Michigan national guard or the United States armed forces reserve  
11 and who was ordered to active duty after August 2, 1990.

1       (ii) A resident of this state who is on active duty in the  
2 regular United States armed forces serving in an area designated  
3 as a combat zone by the President of the United States.

4       (d) "State institution of higher education" means a public  
5 community or junior college established under section 7 of arti-  
6 cle VIII of the state constitution of 1963 or part 25 of the  
7 school code of 1976, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976,  
8 being sections 380.1601 to 380.1607 of the Michigan Compiled  
9 Laws, or a state university described in section 4, 5, or 6 of  
10 article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

11       Sec. 3. A state institution of higher education shall waive  
12 tuition for each dependent of a Michigan operation desert storm  
13 serviceperson if the dependent meets all of the following  
14 requirements:

15       (a) Applies and qualifies for admission as a full-time,  
16 part-time, or summer school student.

17       (b) Is a legal resident of the state for not less than the  
18 12 consecutive months before applying.

19       (c) Applies to the department for tuition waiver under this  
20 act and provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he  
21 or she is the dependent of a Michigan operation desert storm  
22 serviceperson and that he or she meets the other requirements of  
23 this section.

24       Sec. 4. Upon application by the institution, the department  
25 shall reimburse annually each state institution of higher educa-  
26 tion for the total amount of tuition waived during the  
27 immediately preceding fiscal year under section 3. The

1 department shall report annually to the legislature the number of  
2 individuals for whom tuition has been waived at each institution  
3 and the total amounts to be paid under this act.

4       Sec. 5. The department shall provide the necessary forms  
5 and applications and shall cooperate with the state institutions  
6 of higher education in developing efficient procedures for imple-  
7 menting this act.

8       Sec. 6. The legislature shall appropriate annually the  
9 funds necessary to implement this act.