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Senate Bill 1156 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Gerald Van Woerkom
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Merit Scholarship Act to require an 11th-grade student, beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, to receive qualifying results in each subject area component of the Michigan Merit Examination (proposed by Senate Bill 1153) in order to be eligible for a Michigan Merit Award Scholarship.

Currently, a student enrolled in 11th grade is eligible for a Merit Award Scholarship if he or she receives qualifying results on the high school proficiency exam (also known as the MEAP test) in the subject areas of reading writing, mathematics, and science (or meets other eligibility criteria). Under the bill, student enrolled in grade 11 in or after the 2006-2007 school year would be eligible for a Merit Award Scholarship if he or she received qualifying results in each subject area of the proposed Michigan Merit Exam.

If the United States Department of Education had not approved the use of the Michigan Merit Exam for the purposes of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, however, the existing criteria for a Merit Award Scholarship would continue to apply until the Merit Exam was approved.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 1153, 1154, 1155, and 1157.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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