

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 626

(As amended, June 8, 2004)

A bill to amend 1964 PA 208, entitled

"An act to grant scholarships to students enrolled in postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for the administration of the scholarship program,"

by amending section 7 (MCL 390.977), as amended by 1980 PA 500.

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

1       Sec. 7. (1) An applicant awarded a first-year scholarship  
2 or a renewal scholarship ~~shall~~ **is** not ~~be~~ restricted in the  
3 choice of the institution in this state which he or she desires  
4 to attend if the institution is ~~<<approved by the state board of~~  
5 ~~education~~ **an eligible postsecondary institution under rules promulgated**  
6 **by the Michigan higher education assistance authority>>**, except that a  
7 student shall not use a scholarship award at an institution whose  
8 primary purpose is to prepare students for ordination or  
9 appointment as a member of the clergy of a church, denomination,  
10 or religious association, order, or sect. An applicant awarded a  
first-year scholarship or a renewal scholarship ~~shall~~ **is** not

1 ~~be~~ restricted in the choice of the course of study he or she  
2 wishes to pursue. ~~, except that a scholarship award shall not be~~  
3 ~~made to a student enrolled in a program of study leading to a~~  
4 ~~degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.~~

5 (2) An approved institution chosen by the applicant ~~shall~~  
6 **is** not ~~be~~ required to accept the applicant for enrollment, or  
7 once having admitted the applicant, to continue the applicant's  
8 enrollment. The approved institution accepting the enrollment of  
9 a state competitive scholarship award winner shall notify the  
10 authority of the recipient's enrollment and shall submit annually  
11 to the authority reports which are required and necessary to  
12 administer this act.