

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1154

A bill to amend 1996 PA 160, entitled  
"Postsecondary enrollment options act,"  
by amending sections 3 and 9 (MCL 388.513 and 388.519), section 3  
as amended by 1997 PA 178, and by adding section 3a.

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

1       Sec. 3. As used in this act:  
2       (a) "Community college" means a community college established  
3 under the community college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1  
4 to 389.195, or under part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA  
5 451, MCL 380.1601 to 380.1607, or a federal tribally controlled  
6 community college located in this state that is recognized under  
7 the tribally controlled community college assistance act of 1978,  
8 ~~Public Law 95-471~~ **25 USC 1801 to 1852**, and is determined by the  
9 department to meet the requirements for accreditation by a  
10 recognized regional accrediting body.

1 (b) "Department" means the department of education.

2 (c) "Eligible charges" means tuition and mandatory course  
3 fees, material fees, and registration fees required by an  
4 eligible institution for enrollment in an eligible course.  
5 Eligible charges also include any late fees charged by an  
6 eligible postsecondary institution due to the school district's  
7 failure to make a required payment according to the timetable  
8 prescribed under this act. Eligible charges do not include  
9 transportation or parking costs or activity fees.

10 (d) "Eligible course" means a course offered by an eligible  
11 postsecondary institution that is not offered by the school  
12 district in which the eligible student is enrolled, or that is  
13 offered by the school district but is determined by the board of  
14 the school district to not be available to the eligible student  
15 because of a scheduling conflict beyond the eligible student's  
16 control; that is an academic course not ordinarily taken as an  
17 activity course; that is a course that the postsecondary  
18 institution normally applies toward satisfaction of degree  
19 requirements; that is not a hobby craft or recreational course;  
20 and that is in a subject area other than physical education,  
21 theology, divinity, or religious education. However, **until the**  
22 **2006-2007 school year**, for an eligible student who has not  
23 achieved state endorsement in all subject areas under section  
24 1279 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279, an  
25 eligible course is limited to a course in a subject area for  
26 which he or she has achieved state endorsement, a course in  
27 computer science or foreign language not offered by the school

1 district, or a course in fine arts as permitted by the school  
2 district. **Beginning with eligibility to participate under this**  
3 **act during the 2006-2007 school year, for an eligible student who**  
4 **has not achieved a qualifying score in each subject area on a**  
5 **readiness assessment or the Michigan merit examination, as**  
6 **applicable for the student, an eligible course is limited to a**  
7 **course in a subject area for which he or she has achieved a**  
8 **qualifying score, a course in computer science or foreign**  
9 **language not offered by the school district, or a course in fine**  
10 **arts as permitted by the school district.**

11 (e) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a state  
12 university, community college, or independent nonprofit  
13 degree-granting college or university that is located in this  
14 state and that chooses to comply with this act.

15 (f) "Eligible student" means, except as otherwise provided in  
16 this subdivision, a student enrolled in at least 1 high school  
17 class in at least grade 11 in a school district in this state,  
18 except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a school district  
19 under a cultural exchange program. ~~—, who has~~ **Until the**  
20 **2006-2007 school year, to be an eligible student a student must**  
21 **have** achieved state endorsement in all subject areas under  
22 section 1279 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL  
23 380.1279. However, if the student has not achieved state  
24 endorsement in all subject areas under that section, the student  
25 is an eligible student only for the limited purpose of enrolling  
26 in 1 or more eligible courses under this act in a subject area  
27 for which he or she has achieved state endorsement, in computer

1 science or foreign language not offered by the school district,  
2 or in fine arts as permitted by the school district. **Beginning**  
3 **with eligibility to participate under this act during the**  
4 **2006-2007 school year, to be an eligible student a student who**  
5 **has not taken the Michigan merit examination must have achieved a**  
6 **qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness assessment**  
7 **and a student who has taken the Michigan merit examination must**  
8 **have achieved a qualifying score in all subject areas on the**  
9 **Michigan merit examination. However, if the student has not**  
10 **achieved a qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness**  
11 **assessment or the Michigan merit examination, as applicable for**  
12 **the student, the student is an eligible student only for the**  
13 **limited purpose of enrolling in 1 or more eligible courses under**  
14 **this act in a subject area for which he or she has achieved a**  
15 **qualifying score, in computer science or foreign language not**  
16 **offered by the school district, or in fine arts as permitted by**  
17 **the school district.**

18 (g) "Intermediate school district" means that term as defined  
19 in section 4 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.4.

20 (h) "Michigan merit examination" means that examination  
21 developed under section 1279g of the revised school code, 1976 PA  
22 451, MCL 380.1279g.

23 (i) "Qualifying score" means a score on a readiness  
24 assessment or the Michigan merit examination that has been  
25 determined by the superintendent of public instruction to  
26 indicate readiness to enroll in a postsecondary course in that  
27 subject area under this act.

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1 (j) "Readiness assessment" means assessment instruments that  
2 are aligned with state learning standards; that are used  
3 nationally to provide high school students with an early  
4 indication of college readiness proficiency in English,  
5 mathematics, reading, [social studies,] and science and may contain a  
6 comprehensive  
7 career planning program; and that are approved by the  
8 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this  
9 act.

10 (k) ~~(h)~~ "School district" means that term as defined in  
11 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, a  
12 local act school district as defined in section 5 of the revised  
13 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5, or a public school academy  
14 ~~organized under part 6a or 6b as defined in section 5 of the~~  
15 ~~revised school code, 1976 PA 451, ~~MCL 380.501 to 380.507 and~~~~  
16 ~~380.511 to 380.518~~ MCL 380.5.

17 (l) ~~(i)~~ "State university" means a state institution of  
18 higher education described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII  
19 of the state constitution of 1963.

20 **Sec. 3a. (1) Not later than July 1, 2005, the**  
21 **superintendent of public instruction shall do both of the**  
22 **following:**

23 (a) Approve 1 or more readiness assessments that may be used  
24 for the purposes of determining eligible students beginning with  
25 participation in the 2006-2007 school year. Readiness  
26 assessments shall be aligned with state learning standards and  
27 shall provide high school students with an early indication of  
28 proficiency in the subject areas of English, mathematics,

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1 reading, [social studies,] and science and contain a comprehensive career  
planning

2 program.

3 (b) Determine qualifying scores for each subject area  
4 component of a readiness assessment that indicate readiness to  
5 enroll in a postsecondary course in that subject area under this  
6 act.

7 (2) Not later than July 1, 2006, the superintendent of  
8 public instruction shall determine qualifying scores for each  
9 subject area component of the Michigan merit examination that  
10 indicate readiness to enroll in a postsecondary course in that  
11 subject area under this act.

12 (3) Unless the school district in which the student is  
13 enrolled elects to pay these costs, a student who takes a  
14 readiness assessment for the purposes of this act is responsible  
15 for paying all costs for taking and obtaining qualifying scores  
16 on a readiness assessment for the purposes of this act. This  
17 state is not responsible for any of these costs.

18 Sec. 9. (1) Each school district shall provide information  
19 to all high school students on the postsecondary enrollment  
20 options under this act, including enrollment eligibility; the  
21 institutions and types of courses that are eligible for  
22 participation; the decision making process for granting academic  
23 credits; an explanation of eligible charges that will be paid by  
24 the school district and of financial arrangements for eligible  
25 charges and for paying costs not paid for by the school district;  
26 eligibility for payment of all or part of eligible charges by the  
27 school district under this act; an explanation that, if the

1 student qualifies for payment of all or part of eligible charges  
2 by the school district under this act, the school district will  
3 pay that support directly to the postsecondary institution upon  
4 being billed by the postsecondary institution and that the  
5 student is not responsible for that payment but is responsible  
6 for payment of costs not paid for under this act; available  
7 support services; the need to arrange an appropriate schedule;  
8 consequences of failing or not completing a postsecondary course  
9 in which the eligible student enrolls; the effect of enrolling in  
10 a postsecondary course on the eligible student's ability to  
11 complete the required high school graduation requirements; ~~an~~  
12 ~~explanation of how the parent or legal guardian of a student in~~  
13 ~~at least grade 10 may request that the student be allowed to take~~  
14 ~~a test or assessment used for a state endorsement early in order~~  
15 ~~to qualify to be an eligible student;~~ and the academic and  
16 social responsibilities that must be assumed by the eligible  
17 student and his or her parent or guardian.

18 (2) To the extent possible, a school district shall provide  
19 counseling services to an eligible student and his or her parent  
20 or guardian before the eligible student enrolls in postsecondary  
21 courses under this act to ensure that the eligible student and  
22 his or her parent or guardian are fully aware of the benefits,  
23 risks, and possible consequences of enrolling in a postsecondary  
24 course. The person providing the counseling shall encourage the  
25 eligible student and his or her parent or guardian to also use  
26 available counseling services at the eligible postsecondary  
27 institutions before the quarter or semester of enrollment to

1 ensure that anticipated plans are appropriate. A school district  
2 may provide the counseling required under this section in a group  
3 meeting if additional personalized counseling is also made  
4 available.

5 (3) Before enrolling in an eligible course at an eligible  
6 postsecondary institution under this act, an eligible student and  
7 his or her parent or guardian shall file with the eligible  
8 postsecondary institution a signed form provided by the eligible  
9 student's school district stating that the student is an eligible  
10 student and has received the information and counseling specified  
11 in subsections (1) and (2) and that the student understands the  
12 responsibilities that must be assumed in enrolling in the  
13 course. Upon request, the department shall provide technical  
14 assistance to a school district and to an eligible postsecondary  
15 institution in developing appropriate forms and counseling  
16 guidelines for purposes of this section.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
18 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature  
19 are enacted into law:

- 20 (a) Senate Bill No. 1153.  
21 (b) Senate Bill No. 1155.  
22 (c) Senate Bill No. 1156.  
23 (d) Senate Bill No. 1157.