

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1157

A bill to amend 2000 PA 258, entitled
"Career and technical preparation act,"
by amending sections 3 and 9 (MCL 388.1903 and 388.1909) and by
adding section 3a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Career and technical preparation program" means a
3 program that teaches a trade, occupation, or vocation and that is
4 operated by an eligible postsecondary educational institution
5 located in this state.

6 (b) "Community college" means a community college established
7 under the community college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1
8 to 389.195, or under part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
9 451, MCL 380.1601 to 380.1607, or a federal tribally controlled
10 community college located in this state that is recognized under

1 the tribally controlled community college assistance act of 1978,
2 ~~Public Law 95-471~~ **25 USC 1801 to 1852**, and is determined by the
3 department to meet the requirements for accreditation by a
4 recognized regional accrediting body.

5 (c) "Department" means the department of ~~career development~~
6 **labor and economic growth**.

7 (d) "Eligible charges" means tuition and mandatory course
8 fees, material fees, and registration fees required by a career
9 and technical preparation program for enrollment in an eligible
10 course. Eligible charges also include any late fees charged by a
11 career and technical preparation program due to the school
12 district's failure to make a required payment according to the
13 timetable prescribed under this act. Eligible charges do not
14 include transportation or parking costs or activity fees.

15 (e) "Eligible course" means a course offered by a career and
16 technical preparation program that is not offered through the
17 school district, intermediate school district, or area
18 vocational-technical education program in which the eligible
19 student is enrolled, or that is offered through the school
20 district, intermediate school district, or area
21 vocational-technical education program but is determined by its
22 governing board to not be available to the eligible student
23 because of a scheduling conflict beyond the eligible student's
24 control; that is a career and technical preparation course not
25 ordinarily taken as an activity course; that is a course that the
26 career and technical preparation program normally applies toward
27 satisfaction of certificate, degree, or program completion

1 requirements; and that is not a hobby craft or recreational
2 course.

3 (f) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means a
4 state university, community college, or independent nonprofit
5 degree-granting college or university that is located in this
6 state and that chooses to comply with this act.

7 (g) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in at least 1
8 high school class in at least grade 11 in a school district in
9 this state, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a school
10 district under a cultural exchange program. ~~—, who has~~ **Until the**
11 **2006-2007 school year, to be an eligible student a student must**
12 **have** achieved state endorsement in all subject areas under
13 section 1279 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
14 380.1279. However, if the student has not achieved state
15 endorsement in all subject areas under that section, the student
16 is an eligible student if the student achieves state endorsement
17 in mathematics and a qualifying score on a nationally or industry
18 recognized job skills assessment test as determined by the
19 department. **Beginning with eligibility to participate under this**
20 **act during the 2006-2007 school year, to be an eligible student a**
21 **student who has not taken the Michigan merit examination must**
22 **have achieved a qualifying score in all subject areas on a**
23 **readiness assessment and a student who has taken the Michigan**
24 **merit examination must have achieved a qualifying score in all**
25 **subject areas on the Michigan merit examination. However, if the**
26 **student has not achieved a qualifying score in all subject areas**
27 **on a readiness assessment or the Michigan merit examination, as**

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1 applicable for the student, the student is an eligible student if
2 the student achieves a qualifying score in mathematics and a
3 qualifying score on a nationally or industry recognized job
4 skills assessment test as determined by the superintendent of
5 public instruction.

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

8 (i) "Michigan merit examination" means that examination
9 developed under section 1279g of the revised school code, 1976 PA
10 451, MCL 380.1279g.

11 (j) "Qualifying score" means a score on a readiness
12 assessment or on a nationally or industry recognized job skills
13 assessment test that has been determined by the superintendent of
14 public instruction to indicate readiness to enroll in a course
15 under this act.

16 (k) "Readiness assessment" means assessment instruments that
17 are aligned with state learning standards; that are used
18 nationally to provide high school students with an early
19 indication of college readiness proficiency in English,
20 mathematics, reading, [social studies,] and science and may contain a
comprehensive
21 career planning program; and that are approved by the
22 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this
23 act.

24 (l) ~~(i)~~ "School district" means that term as defined in
25 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, a
26 local act school district as defined in section 5 of the revised
27 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5, or a public school academy

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1 organized under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1
2 to 380.1852.

3 (m) ~~-(j)-~~ "State university" means a state institution of
4 higher education described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII
5 of the state constitution of 1963.

6 Sec. 3a. (1) Not later than July 1, 2005, the
7 superintendent of public instruction shall do both of the
8 following:

9 (a) Approve 1 or more readiness assessments that may be used
10 for the purposes of determining eligible students beginning with
11 participation in the 2006-2007 school year. Readiness
12 assessments shall be aligned with state learning standards and
13 shall provide high school students with an early indication of
14 proficiency in the subject areas of English, mathematics,
15 reading, [social studies,] and science and contain a comprehensive career
16 planning program.

17 (b) Determine qualifying scores for each subject area
18 component of a readiness assessment and for a nationally or
19 industry recognized job skills assessment test that indicate
20 readiness to enroll in a course under this act.

21 (2) Not later than July 1, 2006, the superintendent of public
22 instruction shall determine qualifying scores for each subject
23 area component of the Michigan merit examination that indicate
24 readiness to enroll in a course under this act.

25 (3) Unless the school district in which the student is
26 enrolled elects to pay these costs, a student who takes a
27 readiness assessment or a job skills assessment test for the

1 purposes of this act is responsible for paying all costs for
2 taking and obtaining qualifying scores on a readiness assessment
3 or a job skills assessment test for the purposes of this act.
4 This state is not responsible for any of these costs.

5 Sec. 9. (1) Each school district shall provide information
6 to all high school students on the career and technical
7 preparation enrollment options under this act, including
8 enrollment eligibility; the programs and types of courses that
9 are eligible for participation; the decision-making process for
10 granting academic credits; an explanation of eligible charges
11 that will be paid by the school district and of financial
12 arrangements for eligible charges and for paying costs not paid
13 for by the school district; eligibility for payment of all or
14 part of eligible charges by the school district under this act;
15 an explanation that, if the student qualifies for payment of all
16 or part of eligible charges by the school district under this
17 act, the school district will pay that support directly to the
18 career and technical preparation program upon being billed by the
19 career and technical preparation program and that the student is
20 not responsible for that payment but is responsible for payment
21 of costs not paid for under this act; available support services;
22 the need to arrange an appropriate schedule; consequences of
23 failing or not completing a vocational education course in which
24 the eligible student enrolls; the effect of enrolling in a career
25 and technical preparation course on the eligible student's
26 ability to complete the required high school graduation
27 requirements; ~~an explanation of how the parent or legal guardian~~

~~1 of a student in at least grade 10 may request that the student be~~
~~2 allowed to take a test or assessment used for state endorsement~~
~~3 early in order to qualify to be an eligible student;~~ and the
4 academic and social responsibilities that must be assumed by the
5 eligible student and his or her parent or guardian.

6 (2) To the extent possible, a school district shall provide
7 counseling services to an eligible student and his or her parent
8 or guardian before the eligible student enrolls in a career and
9 technical preparation course under this act to ensure that the
10 eligible student and his or her parent or guardian are fully
11 aware of the benefits, risks, and possible consequences of
12 enrolling in the course. The person providing the counseling
13 shall encourage the eligible student and his or her parent or
14 guardian to also use available counseling services at the career
15 and technical preparation program before the quarter or semester
16 of enrollment to ensure that anticipated plans are appropriate.
17 A school district may provide the counseling required under this
18 section in a group meeting if additional personalized counseling
19 is also made available.

20 (3) Before enrolling in an eligible course at a career and
21 technical preparation program under this act, an eligible student
22 and his or her parent or guardian shall file with the career and
23 technical preparation program a signed form provided by the
24 eligible student's school district stating that the student is an
25 eligible student and has received the information and counseling
26 specified in subsections (1) and (2) and that the student
27 understands the responsibilities that must be assumed in

1 enrolling in the course. Upon request, the department shall
2 provide technical assistance to a school district and to a career
3 and technical preparation program in developing appropriate forms
4 and counseling guidelines for purposes of this section.

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

- 8 (a) Senate Bill No. 1153.
- 9 (b) Senate Bill No. 1154.
- 10 (c) Senate Bill No. 1155.
- 11 (d) Senate Bill No. 1156.