

# SENATE BILL No. 1157

April 21, 2004, Introduced by Senators THOMAS, SWITALSKI, JELINEK, KUIPERS, VAN WOERKOM, GARCIA and McMANUS and referred to the Committee on Education.

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 must have achieved a qualifying score in all subject**  
22 **areas on a readiness assessment. However, if the student has not**  
23 **achieved a qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness**  
24 **assessment, the student is an eligible student if the student**  
25 **achieves a qualifying score in mathematics and a qualifying score**  
26 **on a nationally or industry recognized job skills assessment test**  
27 **as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.**

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

3 (i) "Qualifying score" means a score in a subject area  
4 component of the readiness assessment or on a nationally or  
5 industry recognized job skills assessment test that has been  
6 determined by the superintendent of public instruction to  
7 indicate readiness to enroll in a course under this act.

8 (j) "Readiness assessment" means an assessment instrument  
9 that is a curriculum-based achievement test aligned with state  
10 learning standards; that is used nationally to provide high  
11 school students with an early indication of proficiency in the  
12 subject areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science and  
13 contains a comprehensive career planning program; and that is  
14 approved by the superintendent of public instruction for the  
15 purposes of this act.

16 (k) ~~(i)~~ "School district" means that term as defined in  
17 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, a  
18 local act school district as defined in section 5 of the revised  
19 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5, or a public school academy  
20 organized under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1  
21 to 380.1852.

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

25 **Sec. 3a. Not later than July 1, 2005, the superintendent of**  
26 **public instruction shall do both of the following:**

27 (a) Approve 1 or more readiness assessments that may be used

1 for the purposes of determining eligible students beginning with  
2 participation in the 2006-2007 school year. A readiness  
3 assessment shall be a curriculum-based achievement test aligned  
4 with state learning standards that is used nationally to provide  
5 high school students with an early indication of proficiency in  
6 the subject areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science  
7 and contains a comprehensive career planning program.

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

12 Sec. 9. (1) Each school district shall provide information  
13 to all high school students on the career and technical  
14 preparation enrollment options under this act, including  
15 enrollment eligibility; the programs and types of courses that  
16 are eligible for participation; the decision-making process for  
17 granting academic credits; an explanation of eligible charges  
18 that will be paid by the school district and of financial  
19 arrangements for eligible charges and for paying costs not paid  
20 for by the school district; eligibility for payment of all or  
21 part of eligible charges by the school district under this act;  
22 an explanation that, if the student qualifies for payment of all  
23 or part of eligible charges by the school district under this  
24 act, the school district will pay that support directly to the  
25 career and technical preparation program upon being billed by the  
26 career and technical preparation program and that the student is  
27 not responsible for that payment but is responsible for payment

1 of costs not paid for under this act; available support services;  
2 the need to arrange an appropriate schedule; consequences of  
3 failing or not completing a vocational education course in which  
4 the eligible student enrolls; the effect of enrolling in a career  
5 and technical preparation course on the eligible student's  
6 ability to complete the required high school graduation  
7 requirements; ~~an explanation of how the parent or legal guardian~~  
8 ~~of a student in at least grade 10 may request that the student be~~  
9 ~~allowed to take a test or assessment used for state endorsement~~  
10 ~~early in order to qualify to be an eligible student;~~ and the  
11 academic and social responsibilities that must be assumed by the  
12 eligible student and his or her parent or guardian.

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

27 (3) Before enrolling in an eligible course at a career and

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

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

15 (a) Senate Bill No. 1155.

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17 (b) Senate Bill No. 1153.

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19 (c) Senate Bill No. 1154.

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21 (d) Senate Bill No. 1156.

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