

SENATE BILL No. 570

June 6, 2007, Introduced by Senators BROWN, PATTERSON, RICHARDVILLE, PRUSI and BIRKHOLZ and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled
"Michigan promise grant act,"
by amending section 2 (MCL 390.1622).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Academic year" means the period from September 1 of a
3 calendar year to August 31 of the next calendar year.

4 (b) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means any
5 of the following:

6 (i) A public or private college or university, junior college,
7 or community college that grants degrees or certificates and is
8 located in this state.

9 (ii) A postsecondary educational institution, other than an

1 educational institution described in subparagraph (i), that is
2 located in this state, grants degrees, certificates, or other
3 recognized credentials, and is designated by the department as an
4 approved postsecondary educational institution.

5 (iii) A service academy.

6 (c) "Clock hour" means a time period consisting of any of the
7 following:

8 (i) Fifty to 60 minutes of class, lecture, or recitation in a
9 60-minute period.

10 (ii) Fifty to 60 minutes of faculty-supervised laboratory work,
11 shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period.

12 (iii) Sixty minutes of preparation in a correspondence course.

13 (d) "Cumulative grade point average" means the weighted mean
14 value of the courses considered by an approved postsecondary
15 educational institution in determining whether to award a student
16 an associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a
17 vocational training program, whether the student has completed a
18 comparable vocational education program, or whether the student has
19 completed 50% or more of the academic requirements for the award of
20 a bachelor's degree, including any courses completed at another
21 approved postsecondary educational institution if the student
22 transfers the credits for those courses to the approved
23 postsecondary educational institution making that determination.

24 (e) "Department" means the department of treasury.

25 (f) "Fiscal year" means a fiscal year of this state. A fiscal
26 year begins on October 1 of a calendar year and ends on September
27 30 of the next calendar year.

1 (g) "High school graduate" means an individual who has
2 received a high school diploma from a high school ~~in this state or~~
3 passed the general educational development (GED) diploma test or
4 any other high school graduate equivalency examination approved by
5 the state board of education.

6 (h) "Michigan promise grant" means a grant awarded by the
7 department under this act.

8 (i) "Qualifying score" means a score in a reading, writing,
9 mathematics, or science component of a state assessment test that
10 has been determined by the superintendent of public instruction to
11 indicate readiness to enroll in a course in that subject area in an
12 approved postsecondary educational institution.

13 (j) "Service academy" means the United States military
14 academy, United States naval academy, United States air force
15 academy, United States coast guard academy, or United States
16 merchant marine academy.

17 (k) "State assessment test" means the Michigan merit
18 examination described in section 1279g of the revised school code,
19 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279g, and section 104b of the state school
20 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1704b, or any other test
21 administered by the department of education to students in grades
22 11 and 12 to assure state compliance with the federal no child left
23 behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

24 (l) "Trust fund" means the Michigan merit award trust fund
25 established in section 9 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA
26 489, MCL 12.259.