

# SENATE BILL NO. 350

May 23, 2023, Introduced by Senators BAYER, GEISS, SHINK, CAMILLERI, MCDONALD RIVET, IRWIN, MCMORROW, CAVANAGH, WOJNO, CHANG, SANTANA and ANTHONY and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2008 PA 549, entitled  
"Michigan promise zone authority act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 390.1663), as amended by 2020 PA 330.

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

- 1           Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- 2           (a) "Authority" means a promise zone authority created under
- 3 this act.
- 4           (b) "Board" means the governing body of an authority.
- 5           (c) "Eligible entity" means a city, township, county, local
- 6 school district, or intermediate school district, in which the

1 percentage of families with children under age 18 that are living  
2 at or below the federal poverty level is greater than or equal to  
3 the state average of families with children under age 18 living at  
4 or below the federal poverty level, as determined by the department  
5 of treasury.

6 (d) "Federal poverty level" means the poverty guidelines  
7 published annually in the Federal Register by the United States  
8 Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to  
9 revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902.

10 (e) "Governing body" means the elected body of an eligible  
11 entity that has legislative powers.

12 (f) "Nonpublic high school" means a high school operated by a  
13 nonpublic school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that  
14 awards a high school diploma. Nonpublic high school also includes a  
15 general education development test.

16 (g) "Nonpublic school" means that term as defined in section 5  
17 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

18 (h) "Promise of financial assistance" means a commitment by an  
19 eligible entity to provide financial resources for public or  
20 private postsecondary education, including a vocational program, to  
21 eligible students living in a promise zone and who have graduated  
22 from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within  
23 that promise zone.

24 (i) "Promise zone" means that area created by a governing body  
25 under this act.

26 (j) "Promise zone development plan" means that plan developed  
27 by an authority under this act that will ensure that the financial  
28 resources are available to adequately fund the promise of financial  
29 assistance.

1 (k) "Public high school" means a public school that includes  
2 grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma.

3 (l) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of  
4 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

5 (m) "Qualified educational expenses" means tuition and fees  
6 required for the enrollment or attendance of a student at an  
7 educational institution, and may also include, if provided for in  
8 an authority's promise zone development plan, ~~expenses~~ **any of the**  
9 **following:**

10 (i) **Expenses** for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required  
11 for courses of instruction at that educational institution.

12 (ii) **Expenses for on-campus room and board at that educational**  
13 **institution.**

14 (n) "School district" means that term as defined in the  
15 revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

16 (o) "State education tax" means the tax levied under the state  
17 education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.

18 (p) "Vocational program" means an education or training  
19 program intended to teach a trade, occupation, or vocation and  
20 offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in this  
21 state.