



HOUSE BILL No. 5756

May 9, 2000, Introduced by Reps. DeHart, Hale, Wojno, Scott, Shackleton, Bovin, Neumann, Schauer, Rivet and Gielegem and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1964 PA 208, entitled

"An act to grant scholarships to students enrolled in postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for the administration of the scholarship program,"

by amending sections 3, 4, and 11 (MCL 390.973, 390.974, and 390.981), section 3 as amended by 1980 PA 500 and section 4 as amended by 1986 PA 270, and by adding section 4a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. (1) The authority shall conduct a competitive exam-
2 ination among eligible applicants for state competitive scholar-
3 ships at times and places ~~as~~ determined by the authority. The
4 authority may designate a competitive examination to be adminis-
5 tered among eligible applicants for state competitive
6 scholarships. The examination scores AND MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL
7 GRADE POINT AVERAGE necessary to qualify for the competitive
8 scholarship shall be established annually by the authority

1 according to the funding available to meet the award levels
2 established pursuant to section 6. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL
3 NOT ESTABLISH A MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE NECESSARY
4 TO QUALIFY THAT IS LESS THAN 3.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR THE EQUIVALENT
5 ON ANOTHER SCALE.

6 (2) The authority may also use OTHER MEASURES OF scholastic
7 achievement in determining award winners and shall issue appro-
8 priate certificates of recognition to persons awarded
9 scholarships. The authority shall grant annual renewal of schol-
10 arships AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT.

11 (3) ~~Rules~~ THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IT CONSID-
12 ERS NECESSARY for the conduct of examinations for the award of
13 scholarships, FOR DETERMINING HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE,
14 and FOR the procedures for the awarding of annual renewal schol-
15 arships, ~~shall be promulgated by the authority,~~ pursuant to
16 ~~Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sec-~~
17 ~~tions 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ THE ADMIN-
18 ISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO
19 24.328. The authority shall define postsecondary institutions in
20 the rules promulgated.

21 Sec. 4. (1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a
22 first-year scholarship if the authority finds that the applicant
23 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 (a) Has resided continuously in this state for the preceding
25 12 months and is not considered a resident of any other state.

26 (b) Has graduated from a high school, or is a student in
27 good standing in a high school who will graduate at the end of

1 the academic year —, or an individual who has passed a graduate
2 equivalency examination approved by the state board of education,
3 or, if not a high school graduate, is recommended favorably by an
4 appropriate educational institution as defined in rules promul-
5 gated by the authority.

6 (c) Except for the applicant for a graduate scholarship,
7 ~~based upon the state competitive scholarship examination,~~ the
8 applicant shows promise of satisfactorily completing a course of
9 study at an approved postsecondary institution of the applicant's
10 choice in this state, EITHER BY ATTAINING THE NECESSARY SCORES
11 ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY ON THE STATE COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP
12 EXAMINATION OR BY ACHIEVING THE NECESSARY MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL
13 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY. For an appli-
14 cant for a graduate scholarship, the authority shall determine
15 the examination standards for eligibility.

16 (d) Has complied with this act and the rules promulgated
17 under this act by the authority.

18 (e) Is not incarcerated in a corrections institution.

19 (2) An applicant who the authority determines is eligible
20 for THE award of a scholarship under this act shall complete
21 using the scholarship within 10 years after his or her eligibil-
22 ity is determined.

23 SEC. 4A. (1) BEGINNING IN THE 1999-2000 ACADEMIC YEAR, AND
24 THROUGH THE 2005-2006 ACADEMIC YEAR, AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT ELI-
25 GIBLE FOR A FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP BECAUSE THE APPLICANT DID NOT
26 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4(1)(C) MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A

1 SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS ACT IF THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT THE
2 APPLICANT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 4(1) OTHER THAN THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4(1)(C).

5 (B) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 1 FULL ACADEMIC YEAR IN A COURSE
6 OF STUDY AT AN APPROVED POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.

7 (C) HAS ACHIEVED THE NECESSARY POSTSECONDARY GRADE POINT
8 AVERAGE ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER SUBSECTION (2).

9 (2) FOR THE 1999-2000 THROUGH 2005-2006 ACADEMIC YEARS, THE
10 AUTHORITY ANNUALLY SHALL ESTABLISH A POSTSECONDARY GRADE POINT
11 AVERAGE NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION
12 ACCORDING TO THE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO MEET THE AWARD LEVELS
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL
14 NOT ESTABLISH A MINIMUM POSTSECONDARY GRADE POINT AVERAGE NECES-
15 SARY TO QUALIFY THAT IS LESS THAN 3.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR THE
16 EQUIVALENT ON ANOTHER SCALE.

17 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SEC-
18 TION IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS ACT ONLY
19 AFTER HIS OR HER ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN DETERMINED UNDER THIS SEC-
20 TION AND SHALL COMPLETE USING THE SCHOLARSHIP WITHIN 8 YEARS
21 AFTER HIS OR HER ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN DETERMINED.

22 (4) A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION IS FOR A PERIOD OF 1
23 ACADEMIC YEAR AND MAY BE RENEWED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS AND CON-
24 DITIONS PRESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 5 FOR RENEWAL OF A FIRST-YEAR
25 SCHOLARSHIP.

26 (5) THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7 APPLY TO SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER
27 THIS SECTION.

1 (6) THE AMOUNT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE
2 NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DETER-
3 MINED AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 5 AND 6.

4 Sec. 11. (1) Four scholarships shall be allotted to each
5 class "A" high school, 3 to each class "B" high school, 2 to each
6 class "C" high school, and 1 to each class "D" high school.
7 Scholarships allotted to a high school shall be awarded to those
8 students having the highest competitive examination score OR
9 HIGHEST HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AS DESIGNATED BY THE
10 HIGH SCHOOL, and otherwise meeting all eligibility requirements
11 of this act, including ~~that of~~ demonstrating financial need.
12 The AUTHORITY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE awarding of scholarships
13 through this procedure ~~shall be implemented~~ only after suffi-
14 cient additional funds are appropriated so as to not displace any
15 student eligible for an award through the other awarding proce-
16 dures established by this act. A HIGH SCHOOL SHALL DESIGNATE THE
17 CRITERIA IT CHOOSES FOR ITS ALLOTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS
18 SECTION BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE
19 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED.

20 (2) The AUTHORITY SHALL AWARD THE remaining scholarships
21 ~~shall be awarded~~ on a statewide, competitive basis.