

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5310**

A bill to amend 1999 PA 94, entitled  
"Michigan merit award scholarship act,"  
by amending section 7b (MCL 390.1457b), as added by 2004 PA 595.

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

1       Sec. 7b. (1) In addition to the requirements set forth in  
2 section 7(2) or (3) or section 7a(1), to be eligible for the award  
3 of a Michigan merit award scholarship under this act, the board  
4 must find that a student satisfies all of the following:

5       (a) The student has graduated from high school or passed the  
6 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate  
7 equivalency examination approved by the state board.

8       (b) The student graduated from high school or passed the  
9 general educational development (GED) test or other graduate

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1 equivalency examination approved by the state board within 1 of the  
2 following time periods:

3 (i) If the student graduated from high school or passed the  
4 test or examination before March 1, 2002, within the 7-year period  
5 preceding the student's application to receive his or her Michigan  
6 merit award scholarship money.

7 (ii) If the student graduated on or after March 1, 2002, within  
8 the 4-year period preceding the date of the student's application  
9 to receive his or her Michigan merit award scholarship money, or if  
10 the student becomes a member of the United States armed forces or  
11 peace corps during this 4-year period and serves for 4 years or  
12 less, the 4-year period is extended by a period equal to the number  
13 of days the student served as a member of the United States armed  
14 forces or peace corps. The board may also extend the 4-year period  
15 if the board determines that an extension is warranted because of  
16 an illness or disability of the student or in the student's  
17 immediate family or another family emergency.

18 (c) The student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary  
19 educational institution. For students who qualify under section  
20 7(2)(c), the student is enrolled in a vocational or technical  
21 education program at an approved postsecondary educational  
22 institution.

23 (d) The student has not been convicted of a felony involving  
24 an assault, physical injury, or death.

25 **(E) THE STUDENT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR ANY OTHER**  
26 **STUDENT DESCRIBED AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE TITLE IV, HEA PROGRAM**  
27 **ASSISTANCE UNDER 34 CFR 668.33. [THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO A STUDENT**  
**WHO, AFTER MARCH 1, 2007, GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR PASSES THE**  
**GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST OR OTHER GRADUATE EQUIVALENCY**  
**EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.]**

1           **(F)** ~~—(e)—~~ The student satisfies any additional eligibility  
2 requirements established by the board.

3           (2) For a middle school assessment test or high school  
4 assessment test administered after January 1, 2000, the board shall  
5 not use that assessment test to determine eligibility for a  
6 Michigan merit award scholarship under this section for a  
7 particular year unless the board has reviewed and approved that  
8 assessment test before it was administered for that year.

9           (3) The board shall provide each pupil written notice of  
10 whether or not the pupil is eligible for the award of 1 or more  
11 Michigan merit award scholarships described in this act. If the  
12 pupil is eligible, the written notice shall also contain the  
13 Michigan merit award scholarship amount for which the pupil is  
14 eligible, how the pupil applies for payment of Michigan merit award  
15 scholarship, and any other information the board considers  
16 necessary regarding qualification requirements or conditions  
17 relating to the use of the Michigan merit award scholarship.

18           (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the level of  
19 pupil performance required to achieve qualifying results in a  
20 subject area of an assessment test remains approximately the same,  
21 and that the board not reduce the required level of pupil  
22 performance as a means of increasing the number of Michigan merit  
23 award scholarships awarded.

24           (5) A pupil who does not initially receive qualifying results  
25 shall be extended an opportunity to achieve the requisite  
26 qualifying results by taking a subsequent assessment test. A pupil  
27 described in this subsection who is enrolled in grade 12 in the

1 2006-2007 school year, or enrolled in grade 12 in the first  
2 calendar year after the approval described in section 7(6) occurs  
3 if that subsection applies, may elect either of the following:

4 (a) To take the high school assessment test for the purpose of  
5 qualifying for a Michigan merit award scholarship under section  
6 7(2).

7 (b) To take the Michigan merit examination for the purpose of  
8 qualifying for a Michigan merit award scholarship under section  
9 7(3).

10 (6) A nonpublic school pupil or home school pupil may take,  
11 and the board shall administer if requested, an assessment test at  
12 a site designated by the board.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
14 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are  
15 enacted into law:

16 (a) House Bill No. 5300.

17 (b) House Bill No. 5301.

18 (c) House Bill No. 5302.

19 (d) House Bill No. 5303.

20 (e) House Bill No. 5304.

21 (f) House Bill No. 5305.

22 (g) House Bill No. 5306.

23 (h) House Bill No. 5307.

24 (i) House Bill No. 5308.

25 (j) House Bill No. 5309.