

Legislative Analysis



PART-TIME INDEPENDENT STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM

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House Bill 4442 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Paul Muxlow
Committee: Appropriations

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4442 would amend 2004 PA 180, which provides for a grant program for independent part-time students at state-approved Michigan degree-granting institutions, to limit eligibility to students at community colleges. The bill also would delete language limiting awards to \$600 per academic year; the maximum grant amount would instead be established by the Department of Treasury. A student could receive an annual grant for up to three years at any one community college, rather than the current two years at any given educational institution. The bill also would delete language barring awards to students enrolled in divinity school.

MCL 390.1281, et al.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on the state or local units of government. The program has not been funded since FY 2008-09, when it was funded at \$2.7 million. At that time, a student could receive up to \$600 per year for up to two years. The FY 2015-16 Executive Recommendation for community colleges proposes to reinstate the program, limit it to community colleges, and to fund it with \$6.0 million in School Aid Fund (SAF) revenues. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Colleges proposes to fund the program at \$2.9 million SAF for the coming fiscal year; the difference between the Executive and House versions was utilized to boost the increase for community colleges operations to 2.0%. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Colleges concurs with the Executive Recommendation, funding the program at \$6.0 million.

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