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House Bill 4735 (Substitute H-4 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Aaron Miller
House Committee: Education Reform
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act to allow an eligible student to enroll in an out-of-State postsecondary institution for high school or college credit, if the student's school district shared a border with the other state.

The Act permits eligible high school students to enroll in courses at eligible postsecondary institutions for the purpose of earning high school or postsecondary credit or both. Depending on whether the student is enrolled in a public school or in a State-approved nonpublic school, the school district or the Department of Treasury pays to the postsecondary institution either the amount of eligible charges for a dual enrollment course or a prorated percentage of the statewide average foundation allowance, whichever is less.

Under the bill, an out-of-State college located within 20 miles of a border with Michigan that chose to comply with the Act also would be an eligible postsecondary institution for an eligible student if at least one of the following were met:

- The eligible student was enrolled in a school district that shared a border with the state in which the out-of-State college was located.
- The eligible student was enrolled in a public school academy located in a school district described above.
- The eligible student was enrolled in a State-approved nonpublic school located in a school district described above.

MCL 388.513

Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government for public school students. Section 6 of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1606) allows schools to have postsecondary enrollment agreements with higher education institutions in bordering states. The Department of Education reports that some schools already have these agreements. The bill, then, would align the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act with provisions already enacted in the School Aid Act for public students.

The bill would increase costs to the State for nonpublic students who enrolled in postsecondary courses at out-of-State colleges. Any increase in costs for nonpublic students would be paid out of an appropriation to the Department of Treasury for this purpose, which currently is funded at \$2,007,600.

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