Reimbursement of independent nonprofit institutions of higher education for earned degrees conferred upon Michigan residents; eligibility for allied health degree reimbursement; report; definitions.

Sec. 1. (1) The state board of education shall annually, upon application therefor, reimburse according to a schedule of amounts to be determined annually by the legislature each approved independent nonprofit institution of higher education located within the state for all earned associate, bachelor, master, doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine, juris doctor law, and allied health degrees conferred upon Michigan residents during the prior fiscal year. To be eligible for allied health degree reimbursement under this act, the degree program shall include a clinical education requirement before completion of the degree and also shall include all educational requirements necessary for the student to function as an allied health practitioner and to qualify for the appropriate certification, registration, or license for the profession.

(2) The state board of education shall report to the legislature annually, the eligible institutions, the number of earned degrees conferred, and the total amounts to be paid under this act.

(3) As used in this act:
   (a) "Allied health degree" means an earned baccalaureate or master degree in nursing, medical technology, medical records administration, dietetics, physician's assistant, emergency medical technology, respiratory therapy, anesthesia, nuclear medicine technology, and other allied health programs which are determined by the state board of education to qualify for reimbursement.

   (b) "Michigan resident" means a person who was a resident of the state at the time of graduation from high school or for a minimum of 12 months prior to the first enrollment in the specified degree program.


Compiler's note: For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Michigan higher education assistance authority, the Michigan higher education student loan authority, and the office of student financial assistance services in the department of education to the department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 1995-2, compiled at MCL 12.181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.