

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 482

A bill to amend 2006 PA 479, entitled  
"Michigan promise grant act,"  
by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.1622 and 390.1624), as  
amended by 2007 PA 42.

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

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Academic year" means the period from September 1 of a  
3       calendar year to August 31 of the next calendar year.

4       (b) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means any  
5       of the following:

6       (i) A public or private college or university, junior college,  
7       or community college that grants degrees or certificates and is

1 located in this state.

2 (ii) A postsecondary educational institution, other than an  
3 educational institution described in subparagraph (i), that is  
4 located in this state, grants degrees, certificates, or other  
5 recognized credentials, and is designated by the department as an  
6 approved postsecondary educational institution.

7 (iii) A service academy.

8 (c) "Clock hour" means a time period consisting of any of the  
9 following:

10 (i) Fifty to 60 minutes of class, lecture, or recitation in a  
11 60-minute period.

12 (ii) Fifty to 60 minutes of faculty-supervised laboratory work,  
13 shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period.

14 (iii) Sixty minutes of preparation in a correspondence course.

15 (d) "Cumulative grade point average" means the weighted mean  
16 value of the courses considered by an approved postsecondary  
17 educational institution in determining whether to award a student  
18 an associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a  
19 vocational training program, whether the student has completed a  
20 comparable vocational education program, or whether the student has  
21 completed 50% or more of the academic requirements for the award of  
22 a bachelor's degree, including any courses completed at another  
23 approved postsecondary educational institution if the student  
24 transfers the credits for those courses to the approved  
25 postsecondary educational institution making that determination.

26 (e) "Department" means the department of treasury.

27 (f) "Fiscal year" means a fiscal year of this state. A fiscal

1 year begins on October 1 of a calendar year and ends on September  
2 30 of the next calendar year.

3 (g) "High school graduate" means an individual who has  
4 received a high school diploma from a high school or passed the  
5 general educational development (GED) diploma test or any other  
6 high school graduate equivalency examination approved by the state  
7 board of education.

8 (h) "Michigan promise grant" means a grant awarded by the  
9 department under this act.

10 (i) "Qualifying score" means a score in a reading, writing,  
11 mathematics, ~~or~~ science, **OR SOCIAL STUDIES** component of a state  
12 assessment test that has been determined by the superintendent of  
13 public instruction to indicate readiness to enroll in a course in  
14 that subject area in an approved postsecondary educational  
15 institution.

16 (j) "Service academy" means the United States military  
17 academy, United States naval academy, United States air force  
18 academy, United States coast guard academy, or United States  
19 merchant marine academy.

20 (k) "State assessment test" means **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

21 (i) **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (ii)**, the **COMPLETE** Michigan merit  
22 examination described in section 1279g of the revised school code,  
23 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279g, and section 104b of the state school  
24 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1704b. ~~, or any~~

25 (ii) **FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN THE COMPLETE**  
26 **MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION, THE COLLEGE EXAMINATION COMPONENT OF**  
27 **THE MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1279G(2)(A)**

1 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1279G, AND SECTION  
2 104B(2) (A) OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL  
3 388.1704B.

4 (iii) ANY other test administered by the department of education  
5 to students in grades 11 and 12 to assure state compliance with the  
6 federal no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

7 (l) "Trust fund" means the Michigan merit award trust fund  
8 established in section 9 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA  
9 489, MCL 12.259.

10 Sec. 4. (1) The Michigan promise grant program is established.  
11 The department shall provide Michigan promise grants under this act  
12 from the trust fund and administer the Michigan promise grant  
13 program.

14 (2) Subject to subsection (3), each student who becomes a high  
15 school graduate in or after the 2006-2007 academic year is eligible  
16 for the award of a Michigan promise grant in an amount determined  
17 under section 5 or 6.

18 (3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection  
19 (2), the department must find that a student meets all of the  
20 following eligibility requirements to award the student a Michigan  
21 promise grant under this act:

22 (a) The department has received a completed application for  
23 payment as described in section 7(1), including the certification  
24 described in section 7(2) or (3), if applicable, on or before  
25 November 15 of the state fiscal year in which they are eligible to  
26 receive payment.

27 (b) The student is a high school graduate and a resident of

1 this state.

2 (c) The student meets 1 of the following:

3 (i) For a grant under section 5, the student was awarded an  
4 associate's degree or a 2-year certificate of completion in a  
5 vocational training program at an approved postsecondary  
6 educational institution, completed a comparable vocational  
7 education program approved by the department at an approved  
8 postsecondary educational institution, or completed 50% or more of  
9 the academic requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree at  
10 an approved postsecondary educational institution within 4 years of  
11 his or her initial enrollment in an approved postsecondary  
12 educational institution and meets 1 of the following:

13 (A) Has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

14 (B) If the student completed a vocational education program  
15 that does not record grades or grade point averages for its  
16 students, has successfully completed that program.

17 (ii) For a grant under section 6, the student received a  
18 qualifying score in each of the reading, writing, mathematics, ~~and~~  
19 science, **AND SOCIAL STUDIES** components of the state assessment  
20 test, and for each student who becomes a high school graduate in or  
21 after the 2010-2011 academic year, successfully completes at least  
22 3 credits in mathematics **AND 3 CREDITS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE** as  
23 described in section ~~1278a(1)(a)(i)~~ **1278A(1)(A)** of the revised  
24 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278a, and 3 credits in science  
25 as described in section 1278b(1)(b) of the revised school code,  
26 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

27 (d) The student took the state assessment test.

1           (e) The student enrolled in an approved postsecondary  
2 educational institution within 2 years after he or she became a  
3 high school graduate. The department shall extend the 2-year period  
4 if the student becomes a member of the United States armed forces  
5 or peace corps during the 2-year period.

6           (f) The student did not previously receive a grant under this  
7 act or scholarship money under the Michigan merit award scholarship  
8 act, 1999 PA 94, MCL 390.1451 to 390.1459.

9           (g) The student meets any additional eligibility requirements  
10 established by the department.