

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION BB

September 2, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Durhal and referred to the Committee on Education.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 2a to article VIII and section 11a to article IX, to provide free postsecondary tuition and vocational training to graduates of state high schools, establish the postsecondary tuition and vocational training fund, and provide sources of revenue for the fund.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide free postsecondary tuition and vocational training to graduates of state high schools, establish the postsecondary tuition and vocational training fund, and provide sources of revenue for the fund, is proposed, agreed to, and

submitted to the people of the state:

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## ARTICLE VIII

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SEC. 2A. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT A SYSTEM  
3 OF FREE POSTSECONDARY UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
4 AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND STATE COMMUNITY  
5 COLLEGES FOR GRADUATES OF STATE HIGH SCHOOLS, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.  
6 THIS STATE SHALL PROVIDE THESE BENEFITS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AS  
7 TO RELIGION, CREED, RACE, COLOR, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR  
8 NATIONAL ORIGIN. ONE YEAR OF VOLUNTEER OR COMMUNITY SERVICE SHALL  
9 BE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN THIS  
10 SECTION, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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## ARTICLE IX

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SEC. 11A. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
13 AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FUND WHICH SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
14 REIMBURSING GRADUATES OF STATE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE COSTS OF  
15 UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AT STATE INSTITUTIONS  
16 OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AS PROVIDED BY  
17 LAW. MONEY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TWO NEW SPECIAL ANNUAL LOTTERY  
18 DRAWINGS AND MONEY CREDITED FROM INDIVIDUALS' STATE INCOME TAX  
19 REFUNDS, AS PROVIDED BY LAW, SHALL BE DEDICATED TO THIS FUND.  
20 PAYMENTS FROM THIS FUND SHALL BE MADE IN FULL ON A SCHEDULED BASIS,  
21 AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election  
24 in the manner provided by law.