

SENATE BILL NO. 1055

August 15, 2020, Introduced by Senator NESBITT and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "Community college act of 1966," by amending sections 105 and 121 (MCL 389.105 and 389.121), as amended by 2012 PA 495.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 105. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Area", in the term "area vocational-technical education
- 3 program", means the geographical territory of the district, and any
- 4 territory outside of the district that is designated as the service

1 area of the district by the superintendent of public instruction. A
2 community college is eligible to receive state aid and assistance
3 appropriated by the legislature for the aid and support of junior
4 colleges or community colleges.

5 (b) "Area vocational-education program" means a program of
6 organized systematic instruction designed to prepare the following
7 individuals for useful employment in recognized occupations:

8 (i) An individual who has completed or left high school and who
9 is available for full-time study in preparation for entering the
10 labor market.

11 (ii) An individual who has already entered the labor market and
12 who needs training to achieve stability or advancement in
13 employment.

14 (iii) An individual enrolled in high school. If a program or
15 course is provided for an individual enrolled in high school, the
16 superintendent of the school district in which the individual is
17 enrolled or his or her designated representative shall request that
18 the program or course be provided to the individual.

19 (c) "Community college" means an educational institution
20 providing collegiate and noncollegiate level education primarily to
21 individuals above the twelfth grade age level within commuting
22 distance. The term includes an area vocational-technical education
23 program that may result in the granting of an associate degree or
24 other diploma or certificate. The term does not include an
25 educational institution or program that grants baccalaureate or
26 higher degrees other than a **bachelor of science in nursing degree**
27 **or a** baccalaureate degree in cement technology, maritime
28 technology, energy production technology, or culinary arts.

29 (d) "General election" or "general state election" means the

1 term general election as defined in section 2 of the Michigan
2 election law, MCL 168.2.

3 (e) "Michigan election law" means the Michigan election law,
4 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

5 (f) "Regular election" means that term as defined in section 3
6 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.3.

7 (g) "School district" means a school district, a local act
8 school district, or an intermediate school district, as those terms
9 are defined in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to
10 380.1852, or a community college district under this act.

11 (h) "School district filing official" means the school
12 district election coordinator as defined in section 4 of the
13 Michigan election law, MCL 168.4, or an authorized agent of the
14 school district election coordinator.

15 (i) "Special election" means that term as defined in section 4
16 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.4.

17 Sec. 121. The board of trustees of ~~the~~ a community college
18 district ~~has the power to~~ **may** make plans for, ~~to~~ promote, or ~~to~~
19 acquire, construct, own, develop, maintain, and operate a community
20 college and an area vocational-technical education program. The
21 board of trustees may do all of the following:

22 (a) Locate, acquire, purchase, or lease in the name of the
23 community college district a site or sites within or without the
24 territory of the community college district for college buildings,
25 libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields, playgrounds,
26 stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas, residence halls,
27 and supporting facilities as may be necessary; purchase, lease,
28 acquire, erect or build and equip buildings, structures, and other
29 improvements for college or area vocational-technical education

1 buildings, libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields,
2 playgrounds, stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas,
3 residence halls, and supporting facilities as may be necessary;
4 enter into installment purchase contracts for real or personal
5 property; pay for real or personal property out of the funds of the
6 community college district provided for that purpose; sell or
7 exchange any real or personal property of the community college
8 district that is no longer required for school purposes, and give
9 proper deeds, bills of sale, or other instruments passing title to
10 the real or personal property.

11 (b) Establish and carry on schools and departments or courses
12 of study and other educational programs as may be consistent with
13 the purposes of this act, and take over and succeed to the
14 operation of a community college or vocational-technical department
15 or departments previously operated by school districts within the
16 community college district.

17 (c) Establish, equip, and maintain agricultural, trade, and
18 other vocational-technical departments and have general control
19 over them for community college or area vocational-technical
20 program purposes.

21 (d) Establish education programs and grant ~~a~~-baccalaureate
22 ~~degree~~**degrees** in cement technology, maritime technology, energy
23 production technology, or culinary arts.

24 **(e) Establish a nursing education program that grants bachelor**
25 **of science in nursing degrees. All of the following apply to the**
26 **establishment and operation of a bachelor of science in nursing**
27 **degree program under this subdivision:**

28 **(i) The board of trustees shall not eliminate any associate**
29 **degree programs the community college offers at the time it**

1 establishes a bachelor degree program under this subdivision unless
2 the board demonstrates that there is a lack of student demand for
3 that associate degree.

4 (ii) The community college shall not operate an educational
5 program that grants bachelor of science in nursing degrees unless
6 the program is determined to meet the requirements set forth in
7 section 17241 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
8 333.17241.

9 (iii) Before the community college begins offering bachelor of
10 science in nursing degrees, and while it offers those degrees, the
11 community college shall hold a national professional nursing
12 accreditation, hold candidacy status for that accreditation, or
13 have applied for that accreditation from the Commission on
14 Collegiate Nursing Education or its successors or the Accreditation
15 Commission for Education in Nursing or its successors.