

# SENATE BILL NO. 1225

November 18, 2020, Introduced by Senators BAYER, HOLLIER, POLEHANKI, IRWIN, SANTANA, CHANG, BULLOCK, GEISS, WOJNO, MOSS, MCCANN, BRINKS and STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 2008 PA 549, entitled  
"Michigan promise zone authority act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 390.1663), as amended by 2013 PA 210.

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

- 1           Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- 2           (a) "Authority" means a promise zone authority created under
- 3 this act.
- 4           (b) "Board" means the governing body of an authority.
- 5           (c) "Eligible entity" means a city, township, county, local
- 6 school district, or intermediate school district, in which the

1 percentage of families with children under age 18 that are living  
2 at or below the federal poverty level is greater than or equal to  
3 the state average of families with children under age 18 living at  
4 or below the federal poverty level, as determined by the department  
5 of treasury.

6 (d) "Federal poverty level" means the poverty guidelines  
7 published annually in the ~~federal register~~ **Federal Register** by the  
8 United States ~~department~~ **Department** of health ~~Health~~ and human  
9 ~~services~~ **Human Services** under its authority to revise the poverty  
10 line under ~~section 673(2) of subtitle B of title VI of the omnibus~~  
11 ~~budget reconciliation act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 USC 9902.~~

12 (e) "Governing body" means the elected body of an eligible  
13 entity that has legislative powers.

14 (f) "Nonpublic high school" means a high school operated by a  
15 nonpublic school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that  
16 awards a high school diploma. Nonpublic high school also includes a  
17 general education development test.

18 (g) "Nonpublic school" means that term as defined in section 5  
19 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

20 (h) "Promise of financial assistance" means a commitment by an  
21 eligible entity to provide financial resources for public or  
22 private postsecondary education, including a vocational program, to  
23 eligible students living in a promise zone and who have graduated  
24 from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within  
25 that promise zone.

26 (i) "Promise zone" means that area created by a governing body  
27 under this act.

28 (j) "Promise zone development plan" means that plan developed  
29 by an authority under this act that will ensure that the financial

1 resources are available to adequately fund the promise of financial  
2 assistance.

3 (k) "Public high school" means a public school that includes  
4 grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma.

5 (l) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of  
6 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

7 (m) "Qualified educational expenses" means tuition and fees  
8 required for the enrollment or attendance of a student at an  
9 educational institution and expenses for fees, books, supplies, and  
10 equipment required for courses of instruction at that educational  
11 institution. **Qualified educational expenses also include expenses  
12 for on-campus room and board if provided for in an authority's  
13 promise zone development plan.**

14 (n) "School district" means that term as defined in the  
15 revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

16 (o) "State education tax" means the tax levied under the state  
17 education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.

18 (p) "Vocational program" means an education or training  
19 program intended to teach a trade, occupation, or vocation and  
20 offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in this  
21 state.