

HOUSE BILL NO. 5556

November 10, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Roth, Markkanen, Allor, Beeler, LaFave, Borton, Maddock, O'Malley, Damoose, Yaroch, Paquette, Whiteford, Bellino, Young, Outman, Wozniak, Bezotte, Sowerby, Hertel and Yancey and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

1 (a) Locate, acquire, purchase, or lease in the name of the
2 community college district a site or sites within or without the
3 territory of the community college district for college buildings,
4 libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields, playgrounds,
5 stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas, residence halls,
6 and supporting facilities as may be necessary; purchase, lease,
7 acquire, erect or build and equip buildings, structures, and other
8 improvements for college or area vocational-technical education
9 buildings, libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields,
10 playgrounds, stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas,
11 residence halls, and supporting facilities as may be necessary;
12 enter into installment purchase contracts for real or personal
13 property; pay for real or personal property out of the funds of the
14 community college district provided for that purpose; sell or
15 exchange any real or personal property of the community college
16 district that is no longer required for school purposes, and give
17 proper deeds, bills of sale, or other instruments passing title to
18 the real or personal property.

19 (b) Establish and carry on schools and departments or courses
20 of study and other educational programs as may be consistent with
21 the purposes of this act, and take over and succeed to the
22 operation of a community college or vocational-technical department
23 or departments previously operated by school districts within the
24 community college district.

25 (c) Establish, equip, and maintain agricultural, trade, and
26 other vocational-technical departments and have general control
27 over them for community college or area vocational-technical
28 program purposes.

29 (d) Establish education programs and grant ~~a~~-baccalaureate

1 ~~degree~~**degrees** in cement technology, maritime technology, energy
2 production technology, or culinary arts.

3 (e) Establish a nursing education program that grants bachelor
4 of science in nursing degrees. All of the following apply to the
5 establishment and operation of a bachelor of science in nursing
6 degree program under this subdivision:

7 (i) The board of trustees shall not eliminate any associate
8 degree programs the community college offers at the time it
9 establishes a bachelor degree program under this subdivision unless
10 the board demonstrates that there is a lack of student demand for
11 that associate degree.

12 (ii) The community college shall not operate an educational
13 program that grants bachelor of science in nursing degrees unless
14 the program is determined to meet the requirements set forth in
15 section 17241 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
16 333.17241.

17 (iii) Before the community college begins offering bachelor of
18 science in nursing degrees, and while it offers those degrees, the
19 community college shall hold a national professional nursing
20 accreditation, hold candidacy status for that accreditation, or
21 have applied for that accreditation from an accrediting agency
22 recognized by the United States Department of Education, including,
23 but not limited to, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
24 or its successors or the Accreditation Commission for Education in
25 Nursing or its successors.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
27 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 5557 (request no.
28 03423'21 *) of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.