PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SERVICES ACT

Act 500 of 2004

AN ACT to create the pregnant and parenting student services fund; to provide grants to encourage certain institutions of higher education to establish and operate a pregnant and parenting student services office for pregnant and parenting students attending the institution; to prescribe the powers and duties of a pregnant and parenting student services office; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments.

History: 2004, Act 500, Eff. Mar. 30, 2005

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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390.1591 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "pregnant and parenting student services act".

History: 2004, Act 500, Eff. Mar. 30, 2005

390.1592 Definitions.

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Department" means the department of community health.

(b) "Fund" means the pregnant and parenting student services fund created in section 3.

(c) "Institution of higher education" means a degree or certificate granting public or private college or university, junior college, or community college in this state.

(d) "Office" means a pregnant and parenting student services office established and operated by an institution of higher education and described in section 5.

History: 2004, Act 500, Eff. Mar. 30, 2005

390.1593 Pregnant and parenting services fund; establishment; funding sources; interest and earnings; investment; disbursements.

Sec. 3.

(1) The pregnant and parenting student services fund is established in the department of treasury. The fund shall consist of money allocated, donated, or paid to the fund from any source and interest and earnings from fund investments.

(2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund.

(3) Money in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund.

(4) Money in the fund shall be disbursed for grants under this act and the administrative costs of the department and the department of treasury in implementing and administering this act.

(5) The state treasurer shall make a grant from the fund to an institution of higher education upon receipt of a written notice from the department under section 4.

History: 2004, Act 500, Eff. Mar. 30, 2005

390.1594 Grant eligibility; limitation; notice to state treasurer.

Sec. 4.

(1) An institution of higher education that has established and operates or agrees to establish and operate an office that meets the requirements of section 5 is eligible for and may receive a grant under subsection (2). The department may establish the form or format of the grant application, and the department may require that an institution of higher education provide additional information after the department has reviewed its grant application.

(2) The department may award a grant to 1 or more institutions of higher education eligible under subsection (1), but the department shall not award more than 4 grants, for pilot programs, during the first year after the effective date of this act. The department shall determine which, and how many, eligible institutions of higher education shall receive a grant to establish and operate an office.

(3) If the department awards a grant under this section, it shall provide a written notice to the state treasurer that contains the name of the institution of higher education receiving the grant and the amount of the grant and requests payment of the grant amount from the fund.

History: 2004, Act 500, Eff. Mar. 30, 2005

390.1595 Establishment and operation of office; criteria and standards; report.

Sec. 5.

(1) An institution of higher education may establish and operate a pregnant and parenting student services office. An office shall meet all of the following:

(a) Be located on the campus of the institution of higher education.

(b) Annually assess the performance of the institution and the office in meeting the following needs of students on campus who are pregnant or who are a custodial parent or legal guardian of a minor:

(i) Comprehensive student health care.

(ii) Family housing.

(iii) Child care.

(iv) Flexible or alternative academic scheduling.

(v) Education concerning responsible parenting for mothers and fathers.

(c) Identify public and private service providers qualified to meet the needs described in subdivision (b), both on campus and within the local community, and establish programs with qualified providers it selects to meet those needs.

(d) Assist students in locating and obtaining services that meet 1 or more of the needs described in subdivision (b).

(e) If appropriate, provide referrals on prenatal care and delivery, infant or foster care, or adoption, and on family planning, to individual students who request that information.

(f) By the date determined by the department, provide the department with an annual report that itemizes the office's expenditures during the preceding fiscal year and contains a review and evaluation of the performance of the office in fulfilling its obligations under this subsection.

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(2) The department shall identify specific performance criteria and standards that the office shall use in preparing the annual report required under subsection (1). The department may establish the form or format of the report. The department may require that an office provide additional information after it has reviewed the report.

History: 2004, Act 500, Eff. Mar. 30, 2005 ;-- Am. 2023, Act 207, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024

390.1596 Rules.

Sec. 6.

The department may promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to implement and administer this act.

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