



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
REP. BEN FREDERICK  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 14, 2022                      9:00 AM                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education and Community Colleges was called to order by Chair Frederick.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh, Steckloff, Brabec.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Johnson moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 17, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5779 before the committee:

HB 5779 (Rep. Frederick)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2021 PA 86.

Representative Brann moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5779. The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Frederick, Brann, Green, Slagh, Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Rep. Steven Johnson.

Pass: None.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5779 (H-2). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Brann moved to refer House Bill No. 5779 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Frederick, Brann, Green, Slagh, Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Rep. Steven Johnson.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5785 before the committee:

HB 5785 (Rep. Frederick)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), as amended by 2021 PA 86.

Representative Slagh moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5785. The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Frederick, Brann, Green, Slagh, Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Rep. Steven Johnson.

Pass: None.

Representative Steckloff offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 7, line 7, after "is" by striking out "\$147,783,200.00" and inserting "**\$517,921,500.00**".
2. Amend page 7, line 8, after "scholarships," by striking out "\$29,861,700.00" and inserting "**\$400,000,000.00**".
3. Amend page 7, following line 21, by inserting: "**(d) State school aid fund, \$376,069,200.00.**" and adjusting the subtotals and totals in this section and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Steckloff moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

#### UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Steckloff offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 22, following line 10, by inserting: "**(c) "Phase III" means a separate part of the tuition incentive program that, subject to subsection (9), provides last-dollar assistance to students who, from the beginning of their postsecondary studies, pursue bachelor's degrees and before completion do not pursue or obtain associate degrees or certificates.**" and relettering the remaining subdivisions.
2. Amend page 26, following line 21, by inserting: "**(13) To be eligible for phase III, an individual must meet all of the following criteria:**  
**(a) Be less than 20 years of age when he or she graduates from high school with a diploma or certificate of completion or achieves a high school equivalency certificate or,**

for an individual attending a 5-year middle college approved by the department of education, be less than 21 years of age when he or she graduates from high school.

(b) Be a United States citizen and a resident of this state according to institutional criteria.

(c) Be a full-time student at a participating educational institution within 4 years after high school graduation or achievement of a high school equivalency certificate. All program eligibility expires 10 years after initial enrollment at a participating educational institution.

(d) Meet the satisfactory academic progress policy of the educational institution he or she attends.

(14) For phase III, both of the following apply:

(a) Payments for a bachelor's degree program must not be made for more than 120 semester credits for any individual student at any participating institution.

(b) Subject to subsection (9), the department shall pay all tuition and fees each semester while a student remains eligible."

Representative Steckloff moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

#### UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Brabec offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 7, line 7, after "is" by striking out "\$147,783,200.00" and inserting "\$337,783,200.00".

2. Amend page 7, following line 13, by inserting:  
"(f) COVID-19 class scholarships, \$190,000,000.00."

3. Amend page 7, following line 21, by inserting:  
"(d) State school aid fund, \$190,000,000.00."

4. Amend page 18, following line 23, by inserting:

"Sec. 251a. (1) The funds appropriated in section 236 for the COVID-19 class scholarships must be distributed as provided in this section and pursuant to the administrative procedures for the COVID-19 class scholarships of the department of treasury.

(2) An individual must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the COVID-19 class scholarship:

(a) Have graduated from high school with a diploma or certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate on or after March 1, 2020 and before August 1, 2022.

(b) Be enrolled in a public university that receives an appropriation in section 236, an independent nonprofit college or university in this state, or a public community college that receives an appropriation in section 201.

(c) Be a resident of this state according to the criteria of the postsecondary school in which he or she is enrolled, as described in subdivision (b).

**(3) An eligible individual enrolled in a public university that receives an appropriation in section 236 or an independent nonprofit college or university in this state must receive an annual grant of up to \$5,000.00. The grant may be awarded for up to 4 years.**  
**(4) An individual enrolled in a public community college that receives an appropriation in section 201 must receive an annual grant of up to \$2,500.00. The grant may be awarded for up to 4 years."** and adjusting the subtotals and totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Brabec moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Brabec offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 7, line 7, after "is" by striking out "\$147,783,200.00" and inserting "**\$347,783,200.00**".
2. Amend page 7, line 10, after "program" by striking out "\$71,300,000" and inserting "**\$271,300,000.00**".
3. Amend page 7, following line 21, by inserting:  
**"(d) State school aid fund, \$200,000,000.00."** and adjusting the subtotals and totals in this section and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Brabec moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Brabec offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 7, line 7, after "is" by striking out "\$147,783,200.00" and inserting "**\$272,783,200.00**".
2. Amend page 7, following line 13, by inserting:  
**"(f) Comeback to complete scholarships, \$125,000,000.00."**
3. Amend page 7, following line 21, by inserting:  
**"(d) State school aid fund, \$125,000,000.00."**
4. Amend page 21, following line 24, by inserting:  
**"Sec. 252a. (1) The funds appropriated in section 236 for the Comeback to complete scholarships must be distributed as provided in this section and pursuant to the administrative procedures for the Comeback to complete scholarships of the department of treasury.**  
**(2) An individual must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the Comeback to complete scholarship:**

(a) Before October 1, 2020, have successfully completed at least 90 credits of coursework at a public university that receives an appropriation in section 236, an independent nonprofit college or university in this state, or a public community college that receives an appropriation in section 201.

(b) After September 30, 2020 and before October 1, 2022, have not been enrolled at any certificate- or degree-granting institution of postsecondary education.

(c) After September 30, 2022, have been enrolled in a public university that receives an appropriation in section 236, or an independent nonprofit college or university in this state, and continue to be enrolled in that public university or independent nonprofit college or university.

(d) Be a resident of this state according to the criteria of the public university or independent nonprofit college or university described in subdivision (c).

(3) An eligible individual enrolled in a public university that receives an appropriation in section 236 or an independent nonprofit college or university in this state must receive an annual grant of up to \$5,000.00. The grant may be awarded for up to 4 years." and adjusting the subtotals and totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Brabec moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Steckloff offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 8, line 11, by striking out all of subsection (10).
2. Amend page 42, line 19, by striking out all of section 274a and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Steckloff moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Brabec offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 8, line 15, after "**money**." by striking out all of subsection (11). and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Brabec moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Steckloff offered the following amendment to HB 5785:

1. Amend page 53, line 12, after "236i" by inserting "and section 271a".
2. Amend page 53, line 13, after "MCL 388.1836i" by inserting "and MCL 388.1871a".

Representative Steckloff moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5785. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

#### UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Reps. Frederick, Steven Johnson, Brann, Green, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5785 (H-2). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Green moved to refer House Bill No. 5785 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Frederick, Brann, Green, Slagh, Steckloff, Brabec.

Nays: Rep. Steven Johnson.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 9:37 AM.

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Representative Ben Frederick, Chair

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