

# HOUSE BILL No. 4837

April 28, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Walsh, Hammel, Corriveau, Constan, LeBlanc, Crawford, Tyler, Meltzer, Lori, Daley, Haveman, Haines, Slavens, Polidori, Kennedy and Wayne Schmidt and referred to the Committee on Education.

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), section 105 as amended by 2003 PA 306 and section 121 as amended by 1997 PA 135.

**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  
5 area of the district by the superintendent of public instruction. A  
6 community college is eligible to receive state aid and assistance  
7 appropriated by the legislature for the aid and support of junior  
8 colleges or community colleges.

9           (b) "Area vocational-education program" means a program of

1 organized systematic instruction designed to prepare the following  
2 individuals for useful employment in recognized occupations:

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

6 (ii) An individual who has already entered the labor market and  
7 who needs training to achieve stability or advancement in  
8 employment.

9 (iii) An individual enrolled in high school. If a program or  
10 course is provided for an individual enrolled in high school, the  
11 superintendent of the school district in which the individual is  
12 enrolled or his or her designated representative shall request that  
13 the program or course be provided to the individual.

14 (c) "Community college" means an educational institution  
15 providing collegiate and noncollegiate level education primarily to  
16 individuals above the twelfth grade age level within commuting  
17 distance. The term includes an area vocational-technical education  
18 program that may result in the granting of an associate degree or  
19 other diploma or certificate ~~, but not an educational institution~~  
20 ~~or program~~ **OR THE granting OF A baccalaureate or higher degrees**  
21 **DEGREE IN NURSING, CEMENT TECHNOLOGY, OR CULINARY ARTS.**

22 (d) "General election" or "general state election" means the  
23 term general election as defined in section 2 of the Michigan  
24 election law, MCL 168.2.

25 (e) "Michigan election law" means the Michigan election law,  
26 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

27 (f) "Regular election" means that term as defined in section 3

1 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.3.

2 (g) "School district" means a school district, a local act  
3 school district, or an intermediate school district, as those terms  
4 are defined in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to  
5 380.1852, or a community college district under this act.

6 (h) "School district filing official" means the school  
7 district election coordinator as defined in section 4 of the  
8 Michigan election law, MCL 168.4, or an authorized agent of the  
9 school district election coordinator.

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

12 Sec. 121. The board of trustees of the community college  
13 district has the power to make plans for, to promote, or to  
14 acquire, construct, own, develop, maintain, and operate a community  
15 college and an area vocational-technical education program. The  
16 board of trustees may do all of the following:

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

1 enter into installment purchase contracts for real or personal  
2 property; pay for real or personal property out of the funds of the  
3 community college district provided for that purpose; sell or  
4 exchange any real or personal property of the community college  
5 district that is no longer required for school purposes, and give  
6 proper deeds, bills of sale, or other instruments passing title to  
7 the real or personal property.

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

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

18 (D) ESTABLISH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND GRANT BACCALAUREATE  
19 DEGREES IN NURSING, CEMENT TECHNOLOGY, OR CULINARY ARTS.