

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-115

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A BILL TO: Advocate for Michigan State University To Increase the Number of Recipients of the Detroit Promise Scholarship

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Various cities and communities across the State of Michigan offer Promise programs that provide financial assistance to students graduating from schools within a specific city, area, or region, however the funding structures for these programs vary, with one prominent example being the “Detroit Promise”; and,

WHEREAS, The Detroit Promise is a “first-dollar scholarship that ensures all eligible Detroit residents have a tuition-free path to an associate degree, bachelor’s degree, or technical certificate at participating academic institutions”¹; and,

WHEREAS, The Detroit Promise is funded in part by the city of Detroit’s Chamber of Commerce, while a majority of its funding is covered by Michigan State University; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan State University currently imposes a cap on the number of individuals who can be recipients of the Detroit Promise each year, placing the remaining eligible applicants on a waiting list, thereby potentially restricting access for other qualified students who would benefit from tuition-free education; and,

WHEREAS, By limiting the number of students receiving access to these programs, the University may inadvertently restrict access to higher education for hundreds of students who rely on this program to alleviate financial burdens; and,

¹ <https://detroitpromise.com/about/>

WHEREAS, By advocating for Michigan State University to increase its funding to the Detroit Promise Program, the university, as its primary funder, can expand eligibility caps and reduce the waitlist for students seeking support; and,

WHEREAS, Raising the cap on the number of students receiving the Detroit Promise would alleviate financial burdens and expand access to higher education for more individuals from these communities, particularly for those of whom the cost of education may otherwise be out of reach; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate to university administration for an increase in the cap of the number of recipients who qualify for the “Detroit Promise” and programs like it, ensuring greater accessibility to Michigan State University for all current and future students that may qualify and those that may be experiencing financial need.

INTRODUCED ON 03.27.2025

REFERRED TO Academic **COMMITTEE ON** 03.20.2025

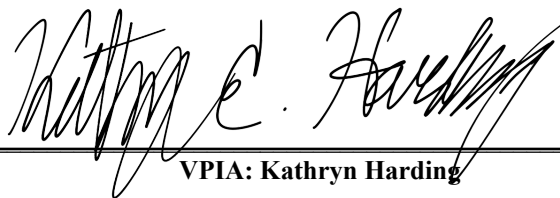
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COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		<u>Voice Majority</u>	<u>03.20.2025</u>
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		<u>Voice Majority</u>	<u>03.27.2025</u>
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