REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE Pursuant to P.A. 119 of 2023 Section 410

Post-Secondary Program Funding Report

Sec. 410. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for higher education in prison must be used by the department in collaboration with accredited universities or colleges to provide incarcerated individuals the opportunity to participate in comprehensive bachelor's degree programs at no cost to the student. Funding must be used for eligible expenses including staffing, supplies, and tuition.

(2) Universities and colleges receiving funding under this section must report by July 1 on expenditure of funds, number of participants served, enrollments by race and gender, and number of participants that complete the program.

As of May 2024, funds under this section have not been awarded to the schools that have applied for the funds through a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP responses are still being reviewed pursuant to state procurement rules, with funds to be awarded later this fiscal year. Schools will be able to invoice for approved program expenses incurred since October 1, 2023.