REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 121 of 2024
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.

Below are the awards that were given to our partner institutions under this Section. All partners institutions under this section operate at male facilities. Eastern Michigan University operates at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, but was funded through a specific appropriation in FY24.

Baccalaureate Prison Education		
School	Amount Awarded for FY24	Amount Spent for FY24
Grand Valley State University	$250,000.00	$222,794.10
Hope College	$250,000.00	$234,431.99
Western Michigan University	$250,000.00	$249,925.24
Calvin University	$250,000.00	$250,000.00
Siena Heights University	$250,000.00	$250,000.00
Ferris State University *	$1.00	$0.00
Rochester University *	$1.00	$0.00
*Denotes school that did not have students in FY24 Ferris State began enrolling students in FY25, and FY25 award will be adjusted accordingly.		

Grand Valley State University
Grand Valley State University's program is located at the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility (IBC). During this period, they had 21 students in their program.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 55% White, 45% Black or African American.

Grand Valley State University's program officially launched in Fall 2024. The program has not had any completions to date, but the first cohort is projected to graduate in the Summer of 2029.

Hope College
Hope College is located at the Muskegon Correctional Facility (MCF). During this period, they had 61 students in the program. 2 students paroled during this period and will complete their bachelor's degree on Hope's main campus.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 67% Black or African American, 23% White, 6% Hispanic, 2% Asian, 2% American Indian.

Hope utilizes a cohort model that enrolls a new class of students each fall. During this period, the program did not have any completions, but the first program cohort will graduate in the Summer of 2025.

Western Michigan University
Western Michigan University is located at the Lakeland Correctional Facility (LCF). During this period, there were 45 students enrolled, and the program finished this period with 37 students. WMU and the MDOC are actively working to backfill vacant seats.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 73% Black or African American, 23% White, 4% Hispanic.

Western Michigan University runs a cohort model and has two cohorts enrolled. There were no completions during this period, but the first cohort will likely graduate in 2027 or 2028.

Calvin University
Calvin University's program is located at the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility (MTU). During this period, 98 students were enrolled in the program. During this period, 4 students paroled. Of those 4 students, 2 continued at Calvin's Knollcrest campus, while 2 chose not to continue their education immediately upon release.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 50% Black or African American, 29% White, 12% Multiracial, 5% not disclosed, 4% Hispanic.

Calvin runs a cohort model. During this period, 12 students graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Siena Heights University
Siena Heights University is located at the Cooper Street Correctional Facility (JCS) and G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility (JCF). During this period, there were 26 students enrolled in the program. Siena Heights offers a bachelor's degree in a 3+1 program relationship with Jackson College.

Following is the demographic breakdown: 50% Black or African American, 42% White/ Non-Hispanic, 8% Asian.

Siena Heights utilizes a modified cohort model. While the school enrolls students each academic year, the timeline to graduation is determined by each student's credits at the point of enrollment. During this period, 15 students graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Ferris State University

Ferris State University had a prospective award for FY24, but did not seek reimbursement as students did not begin active classes until FY25.

Rochester University

Rochester University had a prospective award for FY24, but did not seek reimbursement as the program is not yet offering classes within the MDOC. Discussions between the MDOC and Rochester University continue in relation to a potential future program launch.