

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW & RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Status of bills updated through July 13, 2010.

Public Acts

PA 1 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 1/21/10; immediate effect. (HB 5404)

PA 2 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 1/25/10; immediate effect. (HB 5403)

PA 3 – PRESCRIPTIONS

Allows a practitioner to issue multiple prescriptions for up to a 90-day supply of a Schedule 2 controlled substance (such as morphine or codeine), and allows a Schedule 2 controlled substance prescription to be filled up to 90, rather than 60, days after it is issued.

Signed 2/3/10; immediate effect. (SB 689)

PA 5 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Authorizes the Michigan Strategic Fund board to designate up to 25 additional renaissance zones for border crossing facilities within the state in qualified border local governmental units, if the city or township or combination of cities and townships consented to the creation of a renaissance zone.

Signed 2/24/10; immediate effect. (HB 4723)

PA 7 – TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Amends the Juvenile Code to revise a provision that permits the family division of circuit court (family court) to terminate a parent's parental rights to a child if the parent voluntarily

terminated rights to another child after abuse or neglect proceedings were initiated.

Signed 3/8/10; effective 9/4/10. (HB 4535)

PA 8 – ELDERLY/DISABLED EXEMPTIONS

Revises details and procedures for payments by the state in lieu of property taxes made to local governments when property tax exemptions are granted to nonprofit entities that provide housing to elderly families or the disabled.

Signed 3/8/10; effective 12/31/09. (SB 887)

PA 12 – TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Amends the Child Protection Law to revise a provision requiring the Department of Human Services to petition the family court to terminate parental rights to a child if the parent voluntarily terminated parental rights to another child after abuse or neglect proceedings were initiated.

Signed 3/8/10; effective 9/4/10. (HB 4820)

PA 13 – MIGRANT LABOR HOUSING

Allows the Migratory Labor Housing Fund to receive money or other assets from any source (such as application fee revenue) for deposit into the fund which would be used for inspections and other requirements of the migratory labor housing section.

Signed 3/16/10; immediate effect. (HB 5658)

PA 14 – MIGRANT LABOR HOUSING

Adds a fee for the application to operate an agriculture labor camp that would be equal to the sum of \$5 times the number of people permitted to occupy the agriculture labor camp.

Signed 3/16/10; immediate effect. (HB 5657)

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PA 16 – ORGAN DONATION

Requires that Segment Two of a driver education course provide instruction explaining an individual's right under the Public Health Code to make an anatomical gift in the event of death.

Signed 3/18/10; immediate effect. (SB 1045)

PA 40 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 3/31/10; immediate effect. (HB 5405)

PA 43 – ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Revises the deadline for county clerks to deliver absent voter ballots to township and city clerks.

Signed 3/31/10; immediate effect. (SB 1094)

PA 44 – CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES

Revises the filing or certification deadlines for certain candidates in odd-year elections.

Signed 3/31/10; immediate effect. (SB 1095)

PA 47 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 4/1/10 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 5394)

PA 51 – ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Revises the deadline for a county board of commissioners to deliver absent voter ballots to the county clerk.

Signed 4/22/10; immediate effect. (HB 5530)

PA 66 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 5/10/10 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 5407)

PA 73 & 74 – DIVISION ON DEAFNESS FUND

PA 73 amends the Division of Deafness Act to allow licensure fees paid by interpreters for the deaf to be deposited into an existing Division on Deafness Fund where it would be used to cover costs incurred by the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing within the Commission on Disability Concerns. PA 74 establishes a segregated fund for this purpose.

Signed 5/19/10; immediate effect. (HB 5672 & SB 484)

PA 75 – SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN

Provides vesting cap for public school employees, and provides incentives for retiring by October 1, 2010.

Signed 5/19/10; immediate effect. (SB 1227)

PA 80 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Requires students to review their educational development plan in 8th grade and to revise the plan, as appropriate, before entering high school; permits a student to receive a high school diploma under a personal curriculum by successfully completing one semester of statistics or functions and data analysis, as an alternative to algebra 2.

Signed 5/21/10; effective 7/1/11. (SB 757)

PA 85 – DAY CARE PROVIDERS

Requires day care providers to keep and make available to parents a licensing notebook that includes all licensing, registration, inspection and special investigation reports, and corrective action plans, plus a list of any incidents from the past 10 years that required a child's hospitalization or resulted in death.

Signed 5/27/10; immediate effect. (SB 723)

PA 86 – CHILD CARE DATABASE

Requires the Department of Human Services to include in its database of child care centers, family child care homes, and group child care homes, the number and nature of any special investigations regarding a center or home that the department classified as high risk.

Signed 5/27/10; immediate effect. (SB 724)

PA 89 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 6/3/10; immediate effect. (HB 5406)

PA 91 – COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Allows school districts to establish and administer scholarships for their students or graduates to attend post-secondary institutions, using funds received as a result of a gaming compact between the State and an Indian tribe.

Signed 6/10/10; immediate effect. (SB 1097)

PA 92 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 6/21/10; immediate effect. (SB 928)

PA 103 – MOTORSPORT ENTERTAINMENT

Extends the sunset on the Michigan Business Tax credit for motorsport entertainment.

Signed 6/29/10; immediate effect. (HB 6235)

PA 109 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Exempts property owned by a charitable nonprofit housing organization, such as Habitat for Humanity, from real and personal property taxes.

Signed 7/1/10; immediate effect. (HB 5786)

PA 110 – K-12 SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides appropriations for multisection School Aid for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Signed 7/7/10; immediate effect. (SB 1163)

PA 111 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Signed 7/12/10; immediate effect. (SB 1166)

Resolutions Adopted

SR 27 – GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Urges the U.S. Congress to take certain actions with regard to the federal guardianship assistance program that assists related and unrelated foster parents in providing permanent homes for children.

Adopted 1/21/10. (Clark-Coleman)

SR 106 – NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Urges the President, Congress, and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to remove

provisions from the final version of federal health care reform legislation that would increase financial obligations for Michigan and other states, whether through expanded Medicaid requirements or other mandates.

Adopted 1/14/10. (George)

SR 107 – NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Urges the President, Congress, and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to remove the so-called “Nebraska Compromise” from the final version of the federal health care reform legislation.

Adopted 1/14/10. (Pappageorge)

SR 115 – FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

Urges the U.S. President and Congress to ensure that local businesses located in Michigan and their employees are the primary beneficiaries of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds appropriated to Michigan to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

Adopted 3/11/10. (Gleason) (Similar to HR 272 – Slezak.)

SR 117 – MEDICAID

Urges the federal government to change Medicaid laws, rules, and policies to reward states for maintaining healthy Medicaid populations and administering efficient, cost-effective programs.

Adopted 2/24/10. (George)

HR 220 – TANF EMERGENCY FUND PROGRAM

Urges the U.S. Congress to reauthorize funding for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Fund program.

Adopted 5/4/10. (Spade)

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BILLS PENDING

Status of bills updated through June 30, 2010.

Adoption

SB 727 & 1118-1120 – SURRENDERED NEWBORNS

SB 727 amends the Adoption Code to prohibit the release of identifying information about an adult adoptee's former parent who had surrendered the person as a baby under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, unless the former parent had consented to the release of the information. SB 1118 & 1119 amend the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law to modify provisions under which the family court may terminate parental rights to a surrendered newborn. SB 1120 deletes similar provisions in the Juvenile Code.

Senate passed (SB 1119 with substitute) 3/4/10; to House Families & Children's Services 3/4/10. (Birkholz, et. al.)

SB 891-893 – ADOPTION CONSENT

A package of bills that attempts to expedite the adoption process of children who are wards of the state.

SB 891 – Authorizes the Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) superintendent or his or her designee to consent to the guardianship of a child committed to the MCI.

SB 892 – Amends the Michigan Adoption Code to permit the designee of an authorized representative of the Department of Human Services to consent to the adoption of a child.

SB 893 – Amends the Juvenile Code to authorize a designee of the MCI superintendent to grant consent to the appointment of a guardian for a child.

Senate passed 12/9/09; to House Families & Children's Services 12/9/09; reported with recommendation with substitutes and referred to second reading 2/24/10. (Jansen, et. al.)

HB 4312 – ADOPTION LEAVE

Requires an employer that provides leave with pay to an employee following the birth of a child to also provide the same leave with pay to an employee when a child under five years is placed with the employee for adoption.

Introduced 2/17/10; to Families & Children's Services; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 5/16/10. (Leland)

Children & Families

SB 568 – CHILD CUSTODY REVIEW

Allows a court to take additional evidence regarding the review of an arbitrator's decision on child custody.

Senate passed substitute 1/21/10; to House Families & Children's Services 1/21/10. (Jansen)

HB 6101 – MINOR VICTIMS

Allows the names and addresses of minors who have been victims of child abuse or sex crimes to be exempted from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Introduced 4/29/10; to Judiciary; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 5/19/10. (McMillin)

Corrections

HB 4538 – BOOT CAMP SUNSET

Eliminates a 2009 sunset on the Special Alternative Incarceration ("boot camp") program.

Introduced 3/10/09; to Appropriations; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 6/23/10. (Rick Jones)

HB 5661, 5666-5667 – CRIME FEES/VICTIMS FUND

HB 5661 – Increases the amount of an assessment imposed on persons for a criminal offense.

HB 5666 – Allocates excess revenue in the Crime Victim's Rights Fund for a proposed statewide trauma system and treatment services for victims.

HB 5667 – Increases the maximum award that can be paid to an individual from the state Crime Victim's Rights Fund.

House passed (HB 5666 & HB 5667 with substitutes) 3/2/10; to Senate Judiciary 3/3/10; discharge committee approved, placed on order of general orders, and referred to Senate Appropriations 3/17/10. (McDowell, et. al.) (Similar to SB 1002-1004 - Kahn, et. al.)

HB 5958 & 5959 – PRISONER HEALTH RECORDS

HB 5958 allows for the disclosure of prisoner health and mortality records under certain circumstances. HB 5959 provides the corrections ombudsman access to prisoner health and mortality records.

House passed (HB 5959 with amendments) 5/4/10; to Senate Judiciary 5/6/10. (Smith & Warren) (Similar to SB 1223 & 1224 – Whitmer.)

Economic Development

SB 323 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Amends the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act to include as "eligible activities" certain site preparation activities on property that was not in a qualified local governmental unit but was designated by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) as a "major redevelopment project"; includes certain property at a major redevelopment project in the Act's definition of "eligible property"; and allows MEGA to designate up to two major redevelopment projects each year.

Senate passed 3/19/09; to House Commerce 3/19/09; postponed temporarily 12/17/09; re-referred to Commerce 11/21/10. (Pappageorge)

HB 4986 – NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES

Revises eligibility for neighborhood enterprise zones for certain residents.

House passed substitute 3/10/10; Senate passed substitute 6/29/10. (Young)

HB 5346-5351 – DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

Creates the Next Michigan Development Act to provide for the creation of up to ten "Next Michigan Development Corporations" that would have as their purpose encouraging economic development and investment, job creation and job retention, and ancillary economic growth.

House passed substitutes (HB 5346 with amendments) 12/10/09; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 1/13/10. (Geiss, et. al.) (Similar to SB 1079-1084 – Richardville, et. al.)

HB 6128 – COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Requires the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide, wherever possible, technical support, advice, and resources to assist community representatives in communities that are affected by an international bridge project to enter into community benefits agreements with contractors and developers implementing the project.

House passed substitute as amended 5/26/10; to Senate Government Operations 6/1/10. (Tlaib)

Education

SB 925 – SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

Amends the Revised School Code to create a new category of charter school called a "school of excellence."

Senate passed substitute 12/2/09; to House Education 12/2/09; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 12/10/09; re-referred to House Education 1/21/10. (Thomas)

SB 1074 – SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Requires school districts to competitively bid food, custodial, and transportation services.

Introduced 1/20/10; to Reforms & Restructuring; reported favorably with substitute, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 4/15/10. (Pappageorge)

SB 1284 – FAILING SCHOOLS

Requires failing schools to implement a program to improve pupils' literacy and numeracy skills.

Introduced 4/22/10; to Education; referred to committee of the whole with substitute 6/29/10. (Cassis)

SB 1402 – GUN SAFETY CLASSES

Requires the Department of Education to develop a model elementary school gun safety program based on the National Rifle Association's "Eddie Eagle" program, and encourages school districts to adopt it.

Introduced 6/23/10; to Education; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 6/29/10. (Gleason)

HB 4580 – BULLYING POLICY

Requires schools to adopt policies prohibiting harassment and bullying at school.

House passed 5/13/10; to Senate Education 5/18/10. (Byrnes) (Similar to SB 275 – Jelinek.)

HB 5623 – SCHOOL CODE REVISIONS

Establishes certain annual teacher evaluation requirements; requires charter school contract rewards to be based on student performance; revises the compulsory attendance requirements to phase-in a lower school starting age and raises the school-leaving age to 18; requires that schools provide all-day kindergarten; mandates the certification of school administrators; and allows schools to start classes before Labor Day.

Introduced 12/1/09; to Education; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 12/8/09; re-referred to Education 1/21/10. (Melton)

HB 5636 – SCHOOL AID ACT REVISIONS

Revises the per pupil funding allocation to some charter schools to include a special education student factor; provides for connecting individual teachers with student performance data; revises the starting age for kindergarten; and revises funding provisions for full-day kindergarten.

Introduced 12/1/09; to Education; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 12/8/09; re-referred to Education 1/21/10. (Melton)

HB 5742 & 5743 – SCHOOL BUS INSPECTIONS

HB 5742 allows, but does not require, school bus inspections by the State Police. HB 5743 establishes that school bus inspections may be performed by other inspecting organizations.

Introduced 1/13/10; to Appropriations; reported with recommendation with substitutes and referred to second reading 6/30/10. (LeBlanc)

HB 5747 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGER

Increases the power of an emergency financial manager appointed to manage the finances of a failing school district.

Introduced 1/14/10; to Education; motion to discharge committee approved and placed on second reading 4/28/10; re-referred to Education 5/4/10. (Pavlov)

HB 5957 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Revises the definition of a "new job" for which a community college's Job Training Program funding is available.

House passed substitute 6/17/10; to Senate Education 6/22/10. (Hammel)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 413 & 952-954 – BALLOT INITIATIVES

SB 413 – Requires that statewide ballot initiative language that proposes to amend the State Constitution be pre-approved for clarity by the State Board of Canvassers before being circulated.

SB 952 – Revises the requirements for ballot question petitions.

SB 953 – Requires the Secretary of State to post on its website a statement describing the subject matter of a proposal to amend the Constitution or initiate legislation, as it appeared on the petition form, at least 18 hours before the Board of State Canvassers was scheduled to meet to consider approving the petition form.

SB 954 – Provides technical amendments to the Michigan Election Law concerning ballot question petitions.

Senate passed substitutes 1/27/10; to House Ethics & Elections 2/2/10. (Gleason, et. al.)

SB 690-695 – VOTER REGISTRATION

SB 690 & 691 – Prohibits paying a person to collect voter registrations based on the number of registrations they solicit (rather than a flat hourly wage), and sets sentencing guidelines.

SB 692 & 693 – Prohibits paying or otherwise rewarding a person for voting or refraining from voting, for registering to vote, or for inducing another person to register, and establishes penalties.

SB 694 & 695 – Sets penalties for illegal or fraudulent voter registration.

All bills were introduced 7/15/09; to Campaign & Election Oversight; the Senate passed substitutes for SB 692-695 1/27/10 and they were referred to House Ethics & Elections 2/2/10. (Brown & Kuipers)

SB 1096 – BALLOT DELIVERY DEADLINES

SB 1094 revises the deadline for county clerks to deliver absent voter ballots to township and city clerks. SB 1096 revises the deadline for a county board of commissioners to deliver absent voter ballots to the county clerk.

Senate passed 3/2/10; to House Ethics & Elections 3/2/10. (Pappageorge)

SB 1257-1260 – SEPTEMBER PRIMARY

Requires that city primary elections previously set in September of odd-numbered years be set at the odd year primary election in August.

Senate passed (SB 1258 with substitute) 6/17/10; to House Ethics & Elections 6/17/10; SB 1258 was referred to second reading 6/30/10. (Brown & McManus) (Similar to HB 6246-6249 – Angerer & Donigan.)

HB 4194 – LEGISLATOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Eliminates retirement health care benefits for legislators elected after January 2007.

House passed substitute 2/2/10; Senate passed 2/24/10. (Slavens)

HB 4379 – LEGISLATOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Prohibits legislators from voting on bills when a substantial conflict of interest exists.

House passed substitute 3/11/10; to Senate Judiciary 3/16/10. (Barnett)

HB 5456 – ABSENT VOTERS

Requires local governments to maintain a permanent absent voter list, and requires local elections clerks to

automatically send an absentee ballot before each election to any qualified registered voter who requested to be placed on the list.

House passed substitute 2/9/10; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight 2/10/10. (Miller)

HB 6182-6188 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT

Amends various sections of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to regulate—by requiring reports of, disclaimers for, and in some instances prohibiting—corporate and labor union independent expenditures during election campaigns.

House passed substitutes 6/22/10; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight 6/23/10. (Lipton, et. al.) (Similar to SB 1361-1368 – Jacobs, et. al.)

Employment & Economy

SB 860 – YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Amends the Youth Employment Standards Act to make an exception to the work permit requirement for a minor who was performing unpaid volunteer work for a charitable organization.

Senate passed 3/2/10; to House Labor 3/2/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 5/5/10. (Allen)

SB 1226 – RETIREMENT PLAN

Provides for a defined benefit plan vesting cap, provides incentives for retiring by October 1, 2010, and provides for certain part-time work for retired state employees.

Senate passed substitute 4/14/10; to House Oversight & Investigations 4/15/10; motion to discharge committee approved and placed on second reading 4/27/10. (Jansen) (Similar to HB 5954 – Moss.)

SJR U – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PAY CUT

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to cut state government, public school and state university employee pay (including lawmakers) by 5 percent from the rate in effect on January 1, 2010, for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2010.

Introduced 2/11/10; to Reforms & Restructuring; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 5/27/10. (Pappageorge)

HB 5756 – RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Amends the Michigan Employment Security Act to prohibit the state from reducing unemployment compensation when certain rollover distributions occur from pension plans.

House passed 3/17/10; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 3/18/10; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 5/27/10. (Lindberg)

HCR 42 – PAY HIKE

Rejects the proposed increases in rates of compensation recommended by the Civil Service Commission and contained in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Introduced 2/23/10; to Government Operations; notice given to discharge committee 3/16/10; motion postponed for the day 3/17/10. (Moss)

Energy & Utilities

SB 338, 533, 535 & 555 – UTILITY SHUTOFFS

SB 338 – Authorizes the Public Service Commission to review allegations of violations of utility shutoff procedures and order remedies and penalties.

SB 533 – Requires a municipally-owned utility to make ongoing efforts to identify senior citizen customers.

SB 535 – Prohibits a municipal utility from shutting off the service of a customer who has not paid his or her bills unless it has complied with state administrative rules.

SB 555 – Requires the Department of Human Services to operate an electronic payment process with participating energy providers to provide for the payment of low-income customer energy bills that were subject to shutoff.

Senate passed substitutes 10/8/09; to House Energy & Technology 10/8/09; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 10/20/09; re-referred to Energy & Technology 1/21/10. (Jansen, et. al.)

SB 1310-1314 – ILLEGAL HOOK-UPS/WORKER ASSAULTS

SB 1310 – Establishes procedures for providing service to a location where unauthorized utility use has occurred.

SB 1311 – Establishes felony penalties for selling or transferring a utility product or service knowing it was obtained illegally.

SB 1312 – Enacts sentencing guidelines for the crime of illegally transferring a utility product or service to another person.

SB 1313 – Establishes misdemeanor and felony penalties for assaulting or battering an employee or contractor of a public utility.

SB 1314 – Enacts sentencing guidelines for the crime of assaulting a utility worker.

Senate passed (SB 1310, 1313 & 1314 with substitutes) 6/22/10; to House Energy & Technology 6/22/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/29/10. (Hunter, et. al.)

Health

SB 1046 & 1047 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

SB 1046 limits a public employer's portion of the cost of health insurance benefits. SB 1047 requires government employees to contribute at least 20 percent of the premium and other costs of the health insurance fringe benefit provided by their public employer.

Introduced 12/18/09; to Government Operations & Reform; discharge committee approved, placed on order of general orders, and referred to Senate Reforms & Restructuring 1/26/10; reported favorably with substitutes, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 4/15/10. (Jansen & Sanborn)

SB 1115 & 1116 – NONPROFITS

Establishes regulations and procedures for a municipality converting government health care facilities corporations into nonprofit corporations.

Both bills were introduced 2/9/10; to Health Policy. The Senate passed SB 1115 with substitute as amended 3/25/10; referred to House Health Policy 3/25/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 5/4/10. HB 1116 was reported favorably without amendments, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 3/11/10; referred to House Health Policy 4/20/2010. (Hardiman)

SB 1242 & 1243 – HEALTH CARE REFORM

SB 1242 – Creates the MI-Health Recommendation Board within the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation that would advise the state Legislature and the governor on the impacts of the federal health care legislation on the state. (Similar to HB 6035 – Ball.)

SB 1243 – Allows Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) to rate policies on a variety of healthy behavior factors, including tobacco use and body mass index, and requires a BCBSM health insurance policy that covers dependent children to permit continuation of the coverage for the child until he or she reaches age 26, even if he or she is not considered a dependent. (Similar to HB 6034 – Johnson.)

Introduced 3/25/10; to Health Policy; reported favorably with substitutes, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 6/29/10. (Allen & George)

SCR 32 – NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Urges the President, Congress, and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to remove provisions from the final version of federal health care reform legislation that would increase financial obligations for Michigan and other states, whether through expanded Medicaid requirements or other mandates.

Senate adopted 1/14/10; House Health Policy 1/19/10. (George)

SCR 34 – MEDICAID

Urges the federal government to change Medicaid laws, rules, and policies to reward states for maintaining healthy Medicaid populations and administering efficient, cost-effective programs.

Senate adopted 2/24/10; to House Health Policy 2/25/10. (George)

SJR K – INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE

Guarantees the right of individuals to provide for their own health care, and prohibits the federal government from forcing any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in a health care system.

Introduced 8/27/09; to Health Policy; reported by committee of the whole favorably with substitute, placed on immediate adoption, defeated, and reconsider vote postponed 3/16/10. (Kuipers)

SJR P – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Allows the Legislature to regulate health benefits of public employees and officers.

Introduced 12/18/09; to Government Operations & Reform; discharge committee approved and referred to Reforms & Restructuring 1/26/10; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 4/15/10. (Jansen)

HB 5591 – HEALTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Repeals the requirements that a Michigan Health Initiative Program and Fund, started in 1988, must maintain a public clearinghouse of information on preventable diseases, conduct a media campaign, and produce public service announcements regarding disease prevention and risk reduction.

Introduced 11/12/09; to Appropriations; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 11/18/09; re-referred to Appropriations 1/21/10. (Smith)

HB 5855 – HMO CONTRACT NOTIFICATION CHANGE

Excludes a health maintenance organization (HMO) issuing contracts in connection with state and federal health programs from a requirement to give at least 30 days advance notice of a change in a contract or rate, if a change in state or federal law or rules did not allow time for the required notice.

House passed substitute 5/18/10; to Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 5/19/10; reported favorably without amendments, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 6/17/10. (Segal)

HB 6195 – QUALITY COMMUNITY CARE COUNCIL

Creates in statute the Michigan Quality Community Care Council, currently a pilot project within the Department of Community Health, that provides personal assistance services to individuals who are unable to adequately care for themselves at home.

Introduced 5/19/10; to Regulatory Reform; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 5/26/10. (Johnson)

HJR Z – INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE

Provides for the affirmation of the right for independent health care, and prohibits any state law or rule that would directly or indirectly compel any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Health Policy; notice given to discharge committee 3/23/10; postponed for the day 3/24/10. (Amash)

HR 109 – MEDICARE

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation to eliminate the 24-month Medicare waiting period for participants on Social Security Disability Insurance.

Introduced 6/17/09; to Health Policy; reported with recommendation without amendments 1/19/10. (Meltzer)

Juvenile Justice

HB 5175 & 5482-5489 – JUVENILE COMPETENCY

A package of bills that make virtually identical changes to the Mental Health Code and Probate Code regarding the manner in which a juvenile's competency to stand trial for the commission of a crime would be determined.

All bills were introduced and referred to Judiciary (HB 5175 on 7/14/09 and HB 5482-5489 on 9/29/09); all bills were reported with recommendation (all with substitutes except for HB 5484) and referred to second reading 6/9/10.

HB 5995 – JUVENILE RECORDS

Requires the destruction of the fingerprints and arrest card of a juvenile who successfully completed a period of probation that resulted in the dismissal of the alleged juvenile offense.

House passed 5/6/10; to Senate Judiciary 5/11/10. (Sheltrown)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 1075 – DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

Consolidates state administration into 11 departments.

Introduced 1/20/10; to Reforms & Restructuring; reported favorably with substitute, committee recommended immediate

effect, and referred to committee of the whole 4/29/10. (Bishop)

SB 1151 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for community and junior colleges for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Senate passed substitute 3/23/10; House passed substitute as amended 5/26/10; referred to conference committee 6/11/10. (Hardiman)

SB 1152 – COMMUNITY HEALTH BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Community Health for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Senate passed substitute 3/24/10; House passed substitute as amended 5/27/10; referred to conference committee 6/11/10. (Kahn)

SB 1153 – CORRECTIONS BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Corrections for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Senate passed substitute 3/23/10; House passed substitute as amended 6/9/10; referred to conference committee 6/11/10. (Cropsey)

SB 1154 – EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/23/10; House passed substitute 6/1/10; referred to conference committee 6/11/10. (Jelinek)

SB 1157 – HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for higher education for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Senate passed substitute 3/23/10; House passed substitute as amended 6/8/10; referred to conference committee 6/11/10. (Stamas)

SB 1158 – HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Senate passed substitute 5/19/10; to House Appropriations 5/19/10. (Hardiman)

HB 5409 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

House passed with amendments 4/29/10; to Senate Appropriations 5/4/10. (Cushingberry)

HB 5882 – HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

House passed substitute as amended 6/10/10; Senate passed substitute 6/17/10; referred to conference committee 6/23/10. (Spade) (Similar to SB 1189 – Scott.)

HB 5884 – DELEG BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG) for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

House passed substitute as amended 3/25/10; Senate passed substitute 5/18/10; referred to conference committee 6/15/10. (Hammel) (Similar to SB 1186 – Scott.)

HB 6253-6254 – EMERGENCY MANAGERS

Revises the Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Act regarding certain procedures for the fiscal oversight of local governments.

Introduced 6/9/10; to Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs; reassigned to Government Operations 6/10/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/15/10. (Melton, et. al.)

Seniors & Adult Services

SB 1253-1255 – CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Amends the Public Health Code (SB 1253), the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act (SB 1254) and the Mental Health Code (SB 1255) to clarify that criminal history background checks required for certain mental health and adult foster care employees need not be repeated when mental health and adult foster care facilities are consolidated or the employee moves from one to another.

Senate passed substitutes 5/25/10; to House Senior Health, Security & Retirement 5/25/10. (Birkholz, et. al.)

SB 1327-1334 – ELDER-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

SB 1327 – Provides for tax incentives to downtown development authorities to promote elder-friendly communities.

SB 1328 – Creates standards for an elder-friendly dwelling designation that would apply to the construction and renovation of residential buildings.

SB 1329 – Mandates that at least 10 percent of all housing projects funded under the State Housing Development Authority Act and located in qualified local governmental units be dedicated for the elderly.

SB 1330 & 1333 – Includes heated sidewalks in the definition of "public facility" in the Downtown Development Authority Act and the Corridor Improvement Authority Act.

SB 1331 & 1332 – Includes criteria regarding elder-friendly communities in the Planning Enabling Act and in development plans for zoning and growth management.

SB 1334 – Includes the definition of elder-friendly dwellings in neighborhood enterprise zones.

SB 1335 – Allows a person who was at least 65 years old who purchased an elder-friendly principal residence in a neighborhood enterprise zone, to claim an exemption from the tax for the increase in the residence's taxable value in excess of the adjusted taxable value of the person's current residence.

All bills were introduced 5/12/10; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs; SB 1330 was reported favorably without amendments, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 6/22/10. (Allen, et. al.)

HB 5187 – VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE

Requires mandatory reporting by financial institutions of suspected financial exploitation of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult.

House passed substitute 6/17/10; to Senate Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs 6/22/10. (Neumann)

HB 5190 – MISSING SENIORS

Provides for a senior medical alert program to assist in resolving reported cases of missing persons over age 60 who are believed to be unable to return home without assistance.

House passed substitute 10/13/09; to Senate Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs 10/14/09. (Meadows)

HB 5191 – VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE

Requires a nursing home employee who becomes aware of patient mistreatment, abuse or neglect to not only report the incident to the nursing home administrator, but also to the Department of Community Health.

House passed 11/4/09; to Senate Families & Human Services 11/5/09. (Womack)

HB 5193 – VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE

Expands the definition of abuse of a vulnerable adult to include financial exploitation.

House passed substitute 6/17/10; to Senate Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs 6/22/10. (Roberts)

HB 5195 – VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE

Provides for forfeiture and revocation of benefits for individuals who abuse, neglect, or exploit a decedent.

House passed substitute 2/25/10; to Senate Judiciary 3/2/10. (McDowell) (Similar to SB 897 – Whitmer.)

HB 6047 – NURSING HOMES

Establishes penalties for a nursing home employee or administrator who provides fraudulent information to state inspectors inspecting the home.

Introduced 4/15/10; to Health Policy; reassigned to Senior Health, Security & Retirement 4/21/10. (Valentine)

Social Services

SB 941 – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Requires the Department of Human Services to regularly review State Police information on outstanding arrest warrants and not provide public assistance to an individual who is the subject of a warrant.

Senate passed substitute 4/13/10; to House Families & Children's Services 4/13/10. (Barcia)

SB 1071 – CHILD DEATH REVIEWS

Allows the state Children's Ombudsman to provide to the Legislative Child Fatality Examiner a copy of his or her report on suspected abuse or neglect of a child, with all confidential information redacted, for the purpose of a review of a child's death.

Senate passed substitute 2/9/10; to House Families & Children's Services 2/9/10. (Nofs)

SB 1100-1102 – BACKGROUND CHECKS

Imposes the same restrictions (criminal background checks and other requirements) that apply to staff and volunteers at a child care facility (SB 1100), an adult foster care facility (SB 1101), and a licensed home for the aged facility (SB 1102), on the owners, partners, or director of the facility.

Senate passed substitutes 4/20/10; to House Families & Children's Services 4/20/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/30/10. (Olshove & Nofs)

SB 1173, 1178 & 1179 – CAREGIVER SUBSIDIES

SB 1173– Prohibits the Michigan Employment Relations Commission from recognizing a bargaining unit consisting of individuals who are not public employees.

SB 1178 – Prohibits the Department of Human Services or the Department of Community Health from requiring membership in a labor union as an eligibility requirement to receive a subsidy for caregiving under the Social Welfare Act.

SB 1179 – Excludes a person who provides contract services and receives a direct or indirect government subsidy in his or her private employment from the definition of

"public employee" under the Public Employment Relations Act.

All bills were Introduced (SB 1173 on 2/24/10 and SB 1178 & SB 1179 on 2/25/10); to Families & Human Services. SB 1173 & SB 1179 were reported favorably with substitutes, committee recommended immediate effect, and they were referred to committee of the whole 4/22/10. (Cassis & Jansen)

HB 5242-5244, 5838, 5934 – DAY CARE AIDES AND RELATIVE PROVIDERS

HB 5242 – Provides for certain training requirements for day care aides and relative care providers enrolled by the Department of Human Services.

HB 5243 – Prohibits compensation to enrolled day care aides who live in the same home with the child.

HB 5244 – Requires criminal history checks for day care aides and relative care providers upon enrollment.

HB 5838 – Defines "enrolled provider" regarding day care aides and relative care providers.

HB 5934 – Enacts sentencing guidelines for certain enrolled providers' failure to report certain arraignments.

House passed substitutes for all except HB 5934 on 5/5/10, 5/12/10 or 5/20/10; to Senate Families & Human Services 5/6/10, 5/13/10 or 5/25/10. (Byrnes, et. al.)

HB 5764 – FOOD ASSISTANCE

Establishes sanctions for merchants or vendors that over-charge the state for a food or nutrition education product under the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

Introduced 1/21/10; to Families & Children's Services; reassigned to Urban Policy 1/26/10. (Switalski)

HB 5895 – BRIDGE CARD USE

Prohibits the use of bridge cards for cash withdrawals or for purchasing lottery tickets, alcohol, or tobacco products.

Introduced 2/24/10; to Families & Children's Services; reported with recommendation for referral to Judiciary 5/26/10. (Meadows)

HCR 56 – TANF EMERGENCY FUND PROGRAM

Urges the U.S. Congress to take urgent steps to expedite the reauthorization of the funding for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund.

House adopted 5/4/10; to Senate Appropriations 5/5/10. (Tlaib)

Taxes

SB 38 – CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Provides for charitable contributions to an educational foundation.

Senate passed substitute as amended 1/19/10; to House Tax Policy 1/19/10. (Pappageorge)

SB 1147 – SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROPERTY

Amends the State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Act to define "individual living unit" under the Supportive Housing Program, caps the number of units that MSHDA may certify each year at 250 individual living units, expands the definition of "supportive housing property," and sets new timelines for filing affidavits to seek tax-exempt certification by local assessors and MSHDA.

Senate passed substitute 6/23/10; to House Intergovernmental & Regulatory Affairs 6/23/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/29/10. (Jansen) (Similar to HB 6098 – Donigan.)

HB 4514 – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Requires a person to be a state resident for at least six months to qualify for a state earned income tax credit.

House passed substitute 3/18/09; Senate passed substitute as amended 10/8/10. (Lahti)

HB 5296 – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Requires employers to annually provide employees information on the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

House passed 3/18/10; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 3/23/10. (Warren)

HB 6129 – BROWNFIELD FILING DEADLINES

Revises certain deadlines related to the procedures by which property taxes that are "captured" by brownfield tax increment financing authorities are actually turned over to them.

House passed 6/9/10; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 6/10/10. (R. Schmidt)

HB 6175 – TAX CHECKOFF

Provides for an income tax checkoff option for the Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Introduced 5/18/10; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation for referral to Health Policy 6/9/10; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/22/10. (Cushingberry)

HB 6283 – PROMISE ZONES

Revises eligibility and state education tax capture requirements for Michigan promise zones.

Introduced 6/23/10; to Education; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/24/10. (Melton)

Miscellaneous

SB 185 – DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS

Allows for certain victims of domestic abuse to terminate leases without penalty.

Senate passed substitute 3/10/10; to House Intergovernmental & Regulatory Affairs 3/10/10; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 5/18/10. (Garcia)

SB 215 – SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMISSION

Changes the name of the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs to the "Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan," and requires the commission to assist with the planning and implementation of a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, a Cinco de Mayo celebration, and a Cesar Chavez Day celebration in addition to its current duties.

Senate passed substitute 8/19/09; to House Government Operations 8/19/09; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 4/20/10. (Garcia)

HB 5029 – DIVISION ON DEAFNESS FUND

Amends the Deaf Persons Interpreters Act to allow licensure fees paid by interpreters for the deaf to be deposited into an existing Division on Deafness Fund where it would be used to cover costs incurred by the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing within the Commission on Disability Concerns.

House passed 2/16/10; to Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 2/24/10; reported favorably without amendments, committee recommended immediate effect, and referred to committee of the whole 3/23/10; referred to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 4/20/10. (Spade)

HB 5716 & 5717 – USED CLOTHING DONATIONS

Requires merchants that deal in used clothes and have a clothing donation box to disclose on the box whether and how much of the donated clothing is given to charitable organizations.

Introduced 12/17/09; to Commerce; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 5/12/10. (Hansen & Clemente)

HB 5811 – SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICES

Requires the Secretary of State to cease the closure, opening, or consolidation of branch offices until certain conditions are fulfilled.

House passed substitute as amended 2/24/10; to Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs 2/25/10. (Valentine)

BILLS INTRODUCED

Status of bills updated through June 30, 2010.

Children & Families

SB 1089 – CHILD CARE LICENSING

Gives the Department of Human Services the authority to permanently revoke the license or registration of a child care center, day care center, family child care home, or group child care home, if a child dies in its care and it is determined that the child's death was a result of a licensing violation, neglect, or child endangerment.

Introduced 1/26/10; to Families & Human Services. (George)

SB 1200-1203 – PATERNITY/CUSTODY

SB 1200 – Enacts miscellaneous changes to the rights of a putative father who objects to adoption.

SB 1201 – Establishes that if a putative father files a petition seeking to have his paternity established in law and the mother does not respond, a court must declare the man to be the father (issue an “order of filiation”). If the father then petitions for custody and the mother does not seek to have the order of filiation set aside, the court must grant custody, unless it determines this presents a reasonable likelihood of harm to the child.

SB 1202 – Revises the child custody law to reflect the “order of filiation” provisions proposed by SB 1201.

SB 1203 – Establishes that if the putative father of a child who someone is trying to adopt requests the state Friend of the Court office to open a child support payment account, they must do so.

Introduced 3/3/09; to Families & Human Services. (Basham)

SB 1246 – CHILDREN’S COMPACT

Adopts an Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children that would govern the placement of children from one state into another.

Introduced 3/25/10; to Families & Human Services. (Jacobs)

SB 1321 – SEX CRIMES AGAINST MINORS

Extends the statute of limitations for certain civil penalties related to sexual conduct offenses committed against minors.

Introduced 5/6/10; to Judiciary. (Gleason)

SB 1344 – CHILD CARE PROTECTION

Requires that child care centers conduct criminal background checks on any person who works in any capacity

providing child care services, even if the position is temporary.

Introduced 5/25/09; to Families & Human Services. (George)

SB 1383 – CHILD ABUSE

Clarifies certain criteria for court jurisdiction of abuse or neglect cases.

Introduced 6/9/10; to Families & Human Services. (Scott)

HB 5739 – CHILD PLACEMENT

Establishes that regulations on government or private child-placing agencies that investigate and certify foster homes and applicants for adoption also apply to an entity that does this for situations where a child may be placed in a relative’s home.

Introduced 1/13/10; to Families & Children’s Services. (Spade)

Consumer Protection

SB 1064 – AFFORDABLE AUTO INSURANCE

Creates the Make Insurance Affordable And Accessible Task Force to examine and make recommendations regarding the affordability and availability of automobile insurance relative to average family income in all areas of the state.

Introduced 1/14/10; to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform. (Scott)

SB 1340 – INSURANCE RATE ROLLBACK

Requires insurance companies to lower auto and home-owners insurance rates by 20 percent.

Introduced 5/19/10; to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform. (Clarke)

Corrections

SB 1103 & 1104 – MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS

Requires community mental health groups (SB 1103) and boards (SB 1104) to reimburse county jails for the cost of treating mentally ill inmates.

Introduced 2/3/10; to Appropriations. (Brater)

SB 1225 – HALFWAY HOUSES

Gives local government zoning and land use authorities the power to ban prisoner halfway houses in a particular area.

Introduced 3/11/10; to Judiciary. (Olshove)

SB 1354 – DRUG COURTS

Clarifies the requirement for a prosecutor to grant approval of a defendant's admission into a drug treatment court.

Introduced 6/1/10; to Judiciary. (Switalski)

SB 1390 – STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Waives the charge for a state identification card for newly released prison inmates.

Introduced 6/16/10; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

HB 6121 – COUNTY JAILS

Establishes a county jail reimbursement program to compensate counties for the costs of keeping certain convicted felons in jails who would otherwise be kept in state prisons.

Introduced 5/4/10; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 6122 – ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION

Eliminates a 2009 sunset on the Special Alternative Incarceration ("boot camp") program.

Introduced 5/4/10; to Appropriations. (Smith)

Education

SB 1073 – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION CAP

Prohibits a school district with more than 1,000 students from allocating more than 28 percent of its general fund spending on noninstructional services and provides penalties.

Introduced 1/20/10; to Reforms & Restructuring. (Birkholz)

SB 1076 – COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Mandates that children attend school until the age of 16.

Introduced 1/20/10; to Education. (Richardville)

SB 1140 – DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

Requires school districts that provided 175 days of instruction in 2009-2010 to provide at least that many in the following two years.

Introduced 2/23/10; to Education. (Gilbert)

SB 1148 – MAXIMUM COMPENSATION

Prohibits school districts from paying teachers more than state legislators are paid, and limits superintendents of

school districts and intermediate school districts to salaries no more than 75 percent of the governor's salary.

Introduced 2/23/10; to Education. (Patterson)

SB 1326 – REMEDIAL COLLEGE COURSES

Enables college students to sue the K-12 school district from which they graduated if the postsecondary institution they are enrolled in places them in a remedial course dealing with material substantially the same as that covered in a high school course for which the person received credit.

Introduced 5/12/10; to Education. (Patterson)

SB 1341 – PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Requires minimum health and physical education requirements in school curriculums.

Introduced 5/20/10; to Education. (Switalski)

HB 5809 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Requires enactment of the School Aid budget by June 1st of each year.

Introduced 2/16/10; to Appropriations. (Johnson)

HB 5817 & 5818 – ACADEMIC DISTRESS

Authorizes the creation of "academic distress commissions" with authority over curriculum in school districts where for the preceding three years 50 percent of the schools failed to meet student performance improvements required under the federal "No Child Left Behind" law.

Introduced 2/16/10; HB 5817 was referred to Education and HB 5818 was referred to Appropriations. (Jackson)

HB 5829 – PUBLIC ACADEMIES

Includes municipalities with poor performing school districts among the entities empowered to authorize charter schools.

Introduced 2/17/10; to Education. (McMillin)

HB 5849 – SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Creates a new state government college scholarship program to replace the "Promise Award" scholarships discontinued in the 2010 budget; requires students to sign an agreement to stay in Michigan for at least five years after graduating.

Introduced 2/18/10; to Education. (Bolger)

HB 5912 – HOMESCHOOLING

Prohibits pulling a child out of school and beginning to homeschool him or her when a child abuse or neglect case involving the child is being investigated.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Families & Children's Services. (Lipton)

HB 5963 – SCHOOL AID PAYMENTS

Withholds state aid to school districts and intermediate school districts (ISD) with general fund balances that exceed 15 percent of the district or ISD current operating expenditure.

Introduced 3/17/10; to Education. (Melton)

HB 6028 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGERS

Creates a House and Senate joint committee to oversee the emergency financial managers who are appointed to take over the management of failing school districts.

Introduced 4/13/10; to Education. (Bledsoe)

HB 6029 – K-12 BUDGET

Requires biannual budgeting for the School Aid budget, and requires that if the amount of revenue received by the state School Aid fund is less than the amount that was projected in estimates created the previous year, then money must be appropriated from the state general fund to make up the difference.

Introduced 4/13/10; to Appropriations. (Bledsoe)

HB 6131 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

Provides for a defined contribution plan for public school employees hired after June 1, 2010.

Introduced 5/5/10; to Education. (Rick Jones)

HB 6199 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGERS

Modifies the powers and duties of emergency financial managers appointed to take over the management of failing school districts.

Introduced 5/20/10; to Education. (Jackson)

HB 6212 – SCHOOL FUNDING

Prohibits levy of hold harmless millage by certain school districts.

Introduced 5/26/10; to Appropriations. (Corriveau)

HB 6213 – FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE

Revises the foundation allowance for certain school districts.

Introduced 5/26/10; to Appropriations. (Corriveau)

HB 6225 – COLLEGE CREDIT

Requires the state Board of Education to encourage programs allowing high school students to earn college credit and encourages the establishment of a common core curriculum for first- and second-year university students.

Introduced 5/27/10; to Education. (Sheltrown)

HB 6279 – TEST SCORES

Requires that if a public school misses the deadline to submit state-mandated student assessment tests, the Department of Education must still score them and report the scores to students, regardless of whether it uses the results for any other purpose.

Introduced 6/22/10; to Education. (Lindberg)

HB 6295-6298 – FAILING SCHOOLS

HB 6295 – Requires an emergency financial manager appointed to a failing school to develop a school district improvement plan and a budget for implementation of the plan.

HB 6296 – Creates the Education Financial Emergency Resolution Board to oversee emergency financial managers.

HB 6297 – Revises the required contents of a report the state superintendent of public instruction is required to prepare identifying the lowest achieving 5 percent of all public schools in this state.

HB 6298 – Adds additional items in a report that emergency financial managers appointed to failing school districts are required to post online and file with the Legislature, and revises reporting timetables related to the new state oversight board for these managers.

Introduced 6/29/10; to Education. (Nathan, et. al.)

HR 226 – SPECIAL EDUCATION

Urges the U.S. Congress to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and provide the full amount authorized for special education funding to the state of Michigan.

Introduced 3/17/10; to Education. (DeShazor)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 1168-1170 – PRIMARY ELECTIONS

SB 1168 requires all state office and local office primary elections to be held in May. SB 1169 requires elections on consolidating charter townships to take place in either May or November, rather than either August or November. SB 1170 requires certain judicial elections to take place in either May or November, rather than either August or November.

Introduced 2/24/10; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (McManus)

SB 1350 – PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Allows voters to vote a mixed ticket in primary elections.

Introduced 5/26/10; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Switalski)

SB 1355-1360 – CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Creates guidelines for a potential constitutional convention.

*Introduced 6/1/10; to Campaign & Election Oversight.
(George, et. al.)*

SB 1370 – PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Requires a person to provide proof of United States citizenship when registering to vote.

*Introduced 6/2/10; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Brown)
(Similar to HB 6286 – Agema.)*

SB 1398 – ABSENTEE VOTERS

Provides certain identification requirements for an application for an absentee voter.

*Introduced 6/23/10; to Campaign & Election Oversight.
(McManus)*

SB 1399 – ABSENTEE VOTERS

Repeals the law authorizing use of voting machines by absentee voters before an election.

*Introduced 6/23/10; to Campaign & Election Oversight.
(McManus)*

SJR X – LEGISLATOR TERM LIMITS

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to extend the term limits of state representatives and senators, allowing representatives up to six terms of two years each, and senators up to three terms of four years each.

Introduced 5/4/10; to Government Operations. (Jacobs)

HB 5736 – SAME-DAY VOTING

Allows same-day voter registration on election days.

Introduced 1/13/10; to Ethics & Elections. (Donigan)

HB 5820 – LEGISLATOR ACCOUNT

Transfers the balance of a legislator's office account at the end of the fiscal year to the state general fund.

Introduced 2/16/10; to Government Operations. (Pearce)

HB 5908 – REDISTRICTING

Requires the Legislative Service Bureau (instead of the Michigan Legislature) to develop the redistricting plans for the state Senate, House, and Congressional districts beginning with the redistricting that follows the 2010 federal decennial census.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Judiciary. (Walsh)

HB 5914 – REDISTRICTING

Requires that redistricting plans for the State Legislature be developed by the Legislative Service Bureau beginning in 2010.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Judiciary. (Meadows)

HB 5915 – NOMINATIONS

Revises the procedure for nominations of Attorney General and Secretary of State to require that the nominations come from a primary election result, rather than party conventions.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Judiciary. (Meadows)

HB 5960 – CENSUS

Requires the redistricting of legislative and congressional districts after the 2010 census to count prisoners in the community where they lived before being convicted, rather than the community where the prison is located.

Introduced 3/17/10; to Judiciary. (Lemmons)

HB 6207 – LEGISLATIVE BENEFITS

Ends the post-retirement health care insurance coverage provided to legislators who were first elected after November 1, 2004.

Introduced 5/25/10; to Government Operations. (Mayes)

HJR RR – LEGISLATIVE VACANCY

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to allow the governor to appoint a successor for vacancies in the State Senate or House under certain circumstances.

Introduced 1/14/10; to Ethics & Elections. (Hammel)

HJR UU – PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to repeal legislative term limits and replace the current full-time Legislature with a part-time one.

Introduced 2/16/10; to Judiciary. (LeBlanc)

HJR WW – NOMINATIONS

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to revise the nominations of Attorney General and Secretary of State to require that the nominations come from a primary election result, rather than party conventions.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Judiciary. (Meadows)

HJR YY – FEDERAL ACTION REVIEW

Authorizes a legislative commission to review the constitutionality of federal actions that require state actions.

Introduced 3/4/10; to Judiciary. (Opsommer) (Similar to SJR Y – McManus.)

HJR XX – TERM LIMITS

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to transition the Legislature to six-year Senate terms (vs. four years under current law) and four-year House terms (vs. two years under current law).

Introduced 3/2/10; to Judiciary. (Meadows)

HJR EEE – LEGISLATOR TERM LIMITS

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment that requires certain budget bills to be enacted before July 1 of each year; requires legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor to forfeit pay if the budget bills are not presented or signed by that date; and revises the current legislative term limits so as to limit the service of legislators to no more than 14 years (House and/or Senate combined).

Introduced 5/4/10; to Judiciary. (LeBlanc)

Employment & Economy

SB 1339 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Requires verification of employer/employee relationship before forming a collective bargaining unit.

Introduced 5/18/10; to Commerce & Tourism. (Hardiman)

HB 5740 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Freezes wages and benefits for certain public employees during contract negotiations.

Introduced 1/13/10; to Labor. (Knollenberg)

HB 5771 – EMPLOYEE UNIONS

Establishes that a person whose private employment compensation comes from a direct or indirect government subsidy is not considered a public employee, and so is not subject to being inducted into a public employee union.

Introduced 1/27/10; to Labor. (Amash)

HB 5780-5782 – LEGISLATOR HEALTH BENEFITS

HB 5780 repeals retirement health care benefits for legislators elected after February 2003. HB 5781 implements a graduated system for health insurance benefits eligibility. HB 5782 eliminates retirement health care benefits for legislators.

Introduced 2/4/10; to Government Operations. (Hildenbrand, et. al.)

HB 5952 – WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Provides for the definition of "commission of a crime" for eligibility of worker's compensation.

Introduced 3/11/10; to Labor. (Tlaib)

HB 6039 – LABOR DISPUTES

Clarifies the requirement for the continuation of expired contract terms during a period of negotiation with organized labor unions.

Introduced 4/13/10; to Labor. (Lemmons)

HB 6290 – STATE EMPLOYEE'S SPOUSE

Allows a state employee who designates a spouse as the beneficiary on his or her pension benefits package to designate a new spouse under certain conditions if the previous one dies.

Introduced 6/24/10; to Labor. (Rick Jones)

HR 213 – JOBS PROGRAM

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation creating a comprehensive jobs program.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Labor. (Miller)

HR 309 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Urges the U.S. Senate to take swift actions to enact an extension of unemployment benefits and payments to states under the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages program.

Introduced 6/30/10; to Labor. (L. Brown)

Energy & Utilities

SB 1105 – UTILITY SHUTOFFS

Prohibits utility companies from shutting off the service of a person who has not paid his or her bills unless they first send a written notice by first-class mail and leave a notice on the door, both of which must be done at least 30 days before the shutoff.

Introduced 2/4/10; to Energy Policy & Public Utilities. (Scott)

HB 6127 – ELECTRIC CHOICE CAP

Amends the Customer Choice and Electricity Reliability Act to increase the percentage of an electric utility's sales that may take service from an alternative electric supplier.

Introduced 5/4/10; to Energy & Technology. (R. Schmidt) (Similar to SB 1317 – Kuipers.)

HB 6140 – LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS

Prohibits a utility from shutting off the service of a low - income customer who hasn't paid his or her bills unless it gives the user a chance to make payments on the account equal to 10 percent of the person's monthly income.

Introduced 5/5/10; to Energy & Technology. (Johnson)

Health

SB 1244 – HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

Requires a health insurance policy that covers dependent children to permit continuation of the coverage for the child until he or she reaches age 26, even if he or she is not considered a dependent, and restricts a health insurance company's ability to cancel coverage because of inadequate information given by the insured on the initial application.

Introduced 3/25/10; to Health Policy. (Birkholz) (Similar to HB 6036 – Schmidt.)

SB 1245 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Requires insurance companies to provide price-controlled "guaranteed issue" health insurance policies to individuals with a household income of 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

Introduced 3/25/10; to Health Policy. (Gleason) (Similar to HB 6037 – Corriveau.)

SB 1261 – HEALTH CARE LIABILITY

Extends limited "Good Samaritan" lawsuit immunity for licensed health care providers so that it applies not just to care provided at no charge in a licensed facility but also at an unlicensed free clinic that coordinates or refers uninsured persons for nonemergency care.

Introduced 4/14/10; to Health Policy. (Jacobs)

SB 1268 – BRIDGE HEALTH INSURANCE

Requires health insurers to provide coverage for up to 18 months after the termination of an individual's employment with a small employer that provides health insurance benefits.

Introduced 4/21/10; to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform. (Switalski)

SJR R – NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Urges state residents and employers to opt out of a national health care program.

Introduced 1/27/10; to Health Policy. (Patterson)

HB 6240 & 6241 – HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES

Requires a health insurance policy (HB 6240) and a Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance policy (HB 6241) that covers dependent children to permit continuation of the coverage for the child until he or she reaches age 26, even if he or she is not considered a dependent, and bans limiting insurance to a minor dependent due to preexisting conditions; imposes certain price controls and coverage mandates and restricts a health insurance company's ability to cancel coverage because of inadequate information given by the insured on the initial application.

Introduced 6/8/10; to Health Policy. (Corriveau & Ball)

Mental Health

SB 1305 – DEFINITION CHANGE

Revises the definition of a "person needing mental health treatment."

Introduced 4/29/10; to Judiciary. (Cropsey)

HB 6046 – DEFINITION CHANGE

Adds additional language to the definition of a "person needing mental health treatment."

Introduced 4/15/10; to Health Policy. (Lipton)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 1144-1146 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE SHARING

SB 1144 creates the Municipal Partnership Act that allows and specifies procedures for two or more local governments to enter partnerships to provide particular government services. SB 1145 and 1146 provide for reference to the new act in the Public Employment Relations Act and the Michigan Election Law, respectively.

Signed 2/23/10; to Reforms & Restructuring. (Jansen)

SB 1270-1281 – NEW FISCAL YEAR

SB 1281 provides for the state's fiscal year to run from July 1 through June 30. SB 1270-1280 amend various statutory laws to reflect this change.

Introduced 4/21/10; to Appropriations. (Thomas)

SJR S – "PAY AS YOU GO" BUDGETING

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment requiring that if a bill would reduce state revenues, it cannot become law unless another bill is enacted to cut spending or increase state revenues by that same amount.

Introduced 2/3/10; to Appropriations. (Thomas)

SJR T – SPENDING LIMIT

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from appropriating in advance more than 96 percent of the revenue that an official revenue estimating conference projects for the next fiscal year; requires that any supplemental appropriations for the current fiscal year get a two-thirds supermajority vote in the House and Senate; requires that any revenue above the revenue estimating conference's projection be deposited in the "rainy day fund"; and requires a two-thirds supermajority for any withdrawals from the fund.

Introduced 2/9/10; to Appropriations. (Pappageorge)

HB 5766 – FISCAL ANALYSIS

Prohibits final passage of any bill in the House or Senate unless the House or Senate Fiscal Agency has completed a fiscal analysis of the measure's effect on government revenue and spending.

Introduced 1/26/10; to Government Operations. (Haines)

HB 5797-5802 – UNFUNDED MANDATES

HB 5797 – Requires the Legislature to make appropriations compensating local units of government for any unfunded mandate to provide any particular service imposed by the state, as required by the 1978 Headlee Amendment. (Similar to SB 1141 – Gleason.)

HB 5798 & 5799 – Prohibits administrative rules promulgated by an executive branch department or agency from going into effect if they violate the 1978 Headlee amendment. (Similar to SB 1142 – Gleason.)

HB 5800 – Requires any lawsuit alleging violation by the state of the 1978 Headlee amendment to be filed in the state Appeals Court rather than in circuit court; under current law either is allowed. (Similar to SB 1143 – Gleason.)

HB 5801 – Requires the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies to prepare an annual report for the Legislature detailing the state's compliance with the 1978 Headlee amendment.

HB 5802 – Prohibits legislative bills that potentially impose a mandate on local governments from becoming law, except under certain circumstances, as mandated by the 1978 Headlee Amendment.

Introduced 2/9/10; to Judiciary. (Kowall, et. al.)

The following are appropriations bills for various state budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

HB 5876 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES (SB 1183)

HB 5877 – COMMUNITY HEALTH (SB 1182)

HB 5878 – CORRECTIONS (SB 1184)

HB 5879 – EDUCATION (SB 1185)

HB 5881 – HIGHER EDUCATION (SB 1188)

Introduced 2/23/10; to Appropriations. (Miller, et. al.)

HB 5933 – FEDERAL GRANTS

Creates the Office of Federal Grants and Procurement in the Department of Management and Budget with the mission of assisting the state, local governments, and private businesses to get more money from the federal government.

Introduced 3/9/10; to Appropriations. (Spade)

HB 6090 – REVENUE SHARING

Requires revenue sharing distribution to be distributed evenly based on population.

Introduced 4/28/10; to Appropriations. (Meltzer)

HB 6259 – STATE BUDGET SAVINGS

Authorizes a partial distribution of the state budget savings program to state employees.

Introduced 6/15/10; to Appropriations. (Agema)

HJR SS – TWO-YEAR BUDGET

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to adopt biannual budgeting.

Introduced 1/14/10; to Appropriations. (Dillon)

HJR VV – TWO-YEAR BUDGET

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from appropriating in advance more than 96 percent of the revenue that an official revenue estimating conference projects for the next fiscal year, requires the Legislature to adopt biannual budgeting, and transitions to a fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Introduced 2/18/10; to Government Operations. (Knollenberg)

HR 197 – THREE-YEAR BUDGET

Calls for the State to adopt a three-year budget with a five-year outlook.

Introduced 1/19/10; to Appropriations. (Knollenberg)

Seniors & Adult Services

HB 6142-6147 – NURSING HOMES

HB 6142 – Requires a nursing home that is sold or transferred to another owner to disclose certain information about the new owners.

HB 6143 – Revises the grounds for allowing the state to refuse granting a nursing home license.

HB 6144 – Requires a nursing home that is sold or transferred to another owner to disclose the details to patients and their guardians or legal representatives.

HB 6145 – Requires a person who applies for state government approval to open or expand a nursing home to post a bond guaranteeing the continued operation of the nursing home.

HB 6146 – Increases the penalties for the failure to comply with certain licensure requirements.

HB 6147 – Requires a nursing home to post in a public area of the facility the names of persons with an ownership or control interest in the nursing home.

Introduced 5/6/10; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Neumann, et. al.)

Social Services

SB 1302 – DHS OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

Allows the state Department of Human Services to consolidate more than two counties into a single office as a cost-saving measure.

Introduced 4/28/10; to Families & Human Services. (Switalski)

HB 5759 – THREATS TO STATE EMPLOYEES

Prohibits public assistance payments to an individual who communicates a threat to a state employee, if the threat is because of the person being a state employee.

Introduced 1/20/10; to Families & Children's Services. (Genetski)

HB 5844 – CARE SERVICES

Prohibits providers of home personal care services to Medicaid recipients from having to be inducted into a government employee union in order to get paid by the state.

Introduced 2/18/10; to Labor. (Meltzer)

HB 5923 – BRIDGE CARDS

Requires that bridge cards have a recent photo of the recipient.

Introduced 3/4/10; to Families & Children's Services. (Agema)

HB 5940 – FOOD STAMPS

Prohibits providing food assistance benefits to a non-custodial parent who owes child support and is delinquent on the payments.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Judiciary. (Genetski)

HB 5941 – BRIDGE CARDS

Prohibits certain college students from being eligible for bridge cards.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Judiciary. (Haveman)

HB 5942 – PRISONERS

Requires the Department of Corrections to provide electronic access to its records to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of verifying that a prisoner is not receiving public assistance or a Michigan bridge card while incarcerated.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Judiciary. (Proos)

HB 5943 – BRIDGE CARDS

Prohibits bridge cards from being used for buying alcohol, tobacco, lottery tickets, or to withdraw cash from an ATM.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Judiciary. (Rick Jones)

HB 5944 – BRIDGE CARDS

Requires that retailers verify a Michigan bridge card user's identification before allowing merchandise to be purchased, and establishes penalties for noncompliance.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Judiciary. (Haines)

HB 5945 – DRUG TESTING

Requires random substance abuse testing of public assistance recipients, and suspends benefits for six months if a person tests positive.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Judiciary. (Rick Jones)

Taxes

SB 1107 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EXEMPTION

Exempts resale shops operated by a charitable nonprofit housing organization, such as Habitat for Humanity, from real and personal property taxes.

Introduced 2/4/10; to Finance. (Gilbert)

SB 1264 – BUSINESS TAX

Repeals many of the refundable tax credits awarded under various selective tax break provisions in the Michigan Business Tax statute, reduces the Michigan Business Tax surcharge, and makes other changes to the statute.

Introduced 4/15/10; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 1282 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

Allows a subsequent owner of a residence to receive a neighborhood enterprise zone certificate for the remainder of the term of a certificate that could have been granted to the original owner in a particular neighborhood enterprise zone.

Introduced 4/22/10; to Commerce & Tourism. (Hunter)

SB 1374 – SENIOR/DISABLED HOME TAX CREDIT

Provides for a refundable income tax credit for home renovations done for the purpose of assisting a disabled resident or a senior citizen or for a room addition in the home of a disabled resident or senior citizen.

Introduced 6/8/10; to Finance. (Gleason)

SB 1375 – RESIDENCE EXEMPTION

Allows a person to claim a principal residence property tax exemption for a second, non-homestead parcel if the property is occupied by a totally disabled person.

Introduced 6/8/10; to Finance. (Gilbert (Similar to HB 5110 – Slezak.))

SB 1405 – FILM CREDIT

Provides transparency provisions relating to qualified film and digital media infrastructure projects.

Introduced 6/24/10; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 1409 & 1410 – GIRL SCOUTS FUND

SB 1409 provides for an income tax checkoff for the Girl Scouts of Michigan Fund, and SB 1410 creates the Girl Scouts of Michigan Fund.

Introduced 6/30/10; to Finance. (Pappageorge & Jacobs)

SJR W – TAXPAYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment that would limit changes in state spending to changes in the inflation rate and changes in population ("Taxpayer Bill of Rights"); any revenue that exceeds this would be returned to taxpayers in a manner to be determined by the Legislature.

Introduced 4/21/10; to Appropriations. (Patterson)

SR 156 – HEARING AID TAX CREDIT

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act.

Introduced 5/12/10; to Finance. (Hunter)

HB 5810 – SERVICE TAX

Expands the sales tax to include consumer services, and reduces the sales tax rate to 5.5 percent.

Introduced 2/16/10; to Tax Policy. (Smith)

HB 5910 – LOCAL SCHOOLS

Provides an income tax credit for contributions made to local school districts.

Introduced 3/2/10; to Tax Policy. (B. Scott)

HB 5935 – PRINCIPLE RESIDENCE

Allows a person who is absent from his or her principal residence while in a nursing home or assisted living facility to still claim a homestead property tax exemption for the principal residence, as long as the property has not been occupied or rented out.

Introduced 3/9/10; to Tax Policy. (Kowall)

HB 5938 & 5939 – APPLIANCES

Establishes sales and use tax exemptions for energy-efficient appliances.

Introduced 3/10/10; to Tax Policy. (DeShazor)

HB 5965 & 5966 – HOMEOWNERSHIP

HB 5965 creates the Michigan Home Ownership Savings program under the Income Tax. HB 5966 provides for an income tax deduction for contributions and accrued interest to Home Ownership Savings Accounts.

Introduced 3/18/10; to Tax Policy. (Tyler & Haines)

HB 5967 – TAX BURDEN

Requires that language of a local property tax increase ballot measure include an example of the property tax burden the additional mills would impose on the typical owner-occupied principal residence in the jurisdiction and the total burden on a typical home.

Introduced 3/18/10; to Tax Policy. (Crawford)

HB 5987 – INCOME TAX SUNSET

Suspends a gradual phase out of the 2007 state income tax increase, which under current law is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2011.

Introduced 3/24/10; to Tax Policy. (Warren)

HB 6103-6119 – BUSINESS TAX

Reduces the Michigan Business Tax rate and makes up all or part of the revenue reduction by eliminating a number of selective business tax breaks and subsidies.

Introduced 5/4/10; to Tax Policy. (Amash, et. al.)

HB 6204 – SCHOOL MILLS

Allows districts to place on the ballot an enhancement millage of up to 3 mills.

Introduced 5/25/10; to Tax Policy. (Barnett)

HB 6214-6222 – TAX EXEMPTION ELIMINATIONS

Eliminates sales and use tax exemptions on employee meals (HB 6214 & HB 6221), copyrighted motion pictures (HB 6215 & 6216), periodicals (HB 6217 & 6218), vending machines

(HB 6219 & 6220); and eliminates the railroad credit under the utility property tax (HB 6222).

Introduced 5/27/10; to Tax Policy. (Meadows)

HB 6258 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

Clarifies eligibility for a tax exemption under neighborhood enterprise zones.

Introduced 6/15/10; to Commerce. (B. Scott)

HB 6262 – VACCINES TAXED

Includes the cost of vaccines and certain pharmaceuticals administered by physicians in the definition of gross receipts in purchases from other firms.

Introduced 6/15/10; to Tax Policy. (Liss) (Similar to SB 1303 - Richardville.)

HB 6264 – REFUNDABLE CREDITS

Prohibits refundable tax credits for taxpayers located in a renaissance zone.

Introduced 6/15/10; to Tax Policy. (Amash)

HB 6265 – FILM CREDIT

Requires that a firm granted a state film production tax break/subsidy must first verify that all contractors and vendors have been paid.

Introduced 6/15/10; to Tax Policy. (McMillin)

HB 6285 – PROMISE ZONES

Modifies the Michigan Business Tax exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for certain film production company financial and commercial records.

Introduced 6/23/10; to Tax Policy. (Agrama)

HJR DDD – TAX INCREASES

Places before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to require a vote of the people before any tax increase passed by the Legislature can go into effect.

Introduced 4/20/10; to Tax Policy. (Lund)

Miscellaneous

SB 1391 – STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Waives the charge for a state identification card for homeless individuals.

Introduced 6/16/10; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

HB 5767 – SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICES

Prohibits the closing of a Secretary of State branch office that is located in a city having a population of between 2,000 and 3,000 and is located within a county with a population of between 169,000 and 179,000, as determined by the latest decennial census.

Introduced 1/27/10; to Government Operations. (Valentine)

HB 6256 – IMMIGRATION

Creates the Immigration Law Enforcement Act whereby law enforcement officers or agencies are required to make a reasonable attempt when practicable to determine the immigration status of any person detained under any lawful stop, detention, or arrest if there is a reasonable suspicion that the person is an illegal alien.

Introduced 6/10/10; to Judiciary. (Meltzer) (Similar to SB 1388 - McManus.)

APPOINTMENTS

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

The Board, also known as the "Children's Trust Fund," is responsible for developing a plan to distribute funds to statewide education programs that work to develop awareness of child abuse and neglect.

Cynthia K. Williams, East Lansing, a current member, was designated to serve as chairperson for a term expiring at the pleasure of the governor. Appointed for terms expiring 12/19/12 were **Ronnie J. Boji**, Orchard Lake, and **Mark A. Davidoff**, West Bloomfield, both representing the business community; and **Lisa R. Canada**, Ferndale, representing

organized labor. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY ACTION AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Commission provides an opportunity for low-income persons to actively participate in the development of policies and programs to reduce poverty.

Appointed for terms expiring 6/21/11 were **Trina R. Shanks**, Ph.D., Detroit, representing the private sector, and **William A. Reder**, Auburn, representing elected public officials. The

appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Commission works to promote vocational opportunities and provide individual support and care for Michigan's blind constituents.

John C. Scott, Detroit, was appointed to represent blind persons for a term expiring 9/30/11. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Council advocates for people with developmental disabilities and develops the State Developmental Disabilities Plan.

Appointed to represent individuals with developmental disabilities were **Shana M. Holet**, Lansing, and **Sheryl A. Kuenzer**, Manistee. Also appointed were **Lural A. Baltimore**, Lansing, representing the Department of Human Services; **Marlowe S. Franklin**, Traverse City, representing local and nongovernmental agencies and private nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with developmental disabilities; **Michele J. LaCount**, Petoskey, representing immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities; and **Susan A. Liebetreu**, Bloomfield, representing the Department of Education. All terms expire 9/30/12 and the appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

DISABILITY CONCERNS COMMISSION

The Commission advocates for the rights and concerns of Michigan's 1.9 million citizens with disabilities and provides information and technical assistance for employers and state and local government.

Appointed to the Commission were **John M. Causley, Jr.**, Hessel, for a term expiring 11/30/11; **Lennard A. Johnson**, Jackson, for a term expiring 11/30/12; and **Gerald R. Mutty**, Holt, for a term expiring 11/30/13. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

BARRIER FREE DESIGN BOARD

The Board has the responsibility of receiving, reviewing, and processing requests for exceptions to the barrier free design specifications, requiring appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted, and receiving, processing, and making recommendations for barrier free design rules.

James F. McGaugh, Lansing, was appointed to represent members of the general public who are also physically limited for a term expiring 10/31/12. The appointment

stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

The Council represents the interests of people with disabilities across Michigan. It collaborates with the Michigan Commission for the Blind and Michigan Rehabilitation Services to develop and submits the State Plan for Independent Living. The Council also monitors, evaluates, and reports on implementation of the plan.

Appointed to represent persons with disabilities were **Renee M. Louvierre-Mitchell**, Traverse City, for a term expiring 12/31/11; and **Catherine N. Rector**, Waterford, for a term expiring 12/31/10 with a reappointed term expiring 12/31/13. Appointed to represent advocates of, and for, individuals with disabilities for terms expiring 12/31/12 were **Miranda M. Grunwell**, Portage; and **Harry R. Smith**, Lansing. Also appointed for terms expiring 12/31/12 were **M. Kellie Boyd**, Brownstown, representing directors of centers for independent living within this state; **Merrill A. Friedman**, Grosse Pointe Park, representing organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities; and **Patricia M. Hanley**, Dewitt, representing parents or guardians of individuals with disabilities. The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

The Board is responsible for the examination and licensing of persons prior to their entry into the practice of allopathic medicine in Michigan. It establishes minimal standards of acceptable practice, assesses penalties for when those standards are not met, and recommends licensure to schools or individuals once the designated board-created exam is passed.

Appointed to represent physicians for terms expiring 12/31/13 were **Peter T. Graham**, M.D., East Lansing, and **Suzanne Hugly Thomashow**, M.D., Ph.D., East Lansing. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

BOARD OF NURSING

The Board is responsible for the interpretation of licensure and examination of registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses, and for the certification of nursing specialists. It sets minimum standards of practice and assesses penalties for when those standards are not met and recommend licensure to schools that provide nursing programs.

Appointed for terms expiring 6/30/14 were **Lars Egede-Nissen**, Okemos, **Michael J. Ferency**, St. Johns, and **Kathleen L. Johnston-Calati**, Lansing, all representing the general public; and **Brigid M. McMillan**, Grosse Pointe Park,

representing licensed practical nurses. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

BOARD OF PHARMACY

The Board is responsible for the licensure and examination of pharmacists; licensure of pharmacies, manufacturers and wholesale distributors; and the regulation of drugs manufactured, distributed, prescribed, dispensed and administered in the state.

Mark H. Cousens, West Bloomfield, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 6/30/14. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED COMMISSION

The Commission reviews and determines the need for covered clinical services, health facilities, and other related activities being offered or developed in Michigan.

Brian A. Klott, Sterling Heights, was appointed to represent companies that are self-insured for health coverage for a term expiring 4/9/13. **Gay L. Landstrom**, North Muskegon, was appointed to represent nurses for a term expiring 1/1/13. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE

The Committee advises the Department of Community Health on issues affecting prescription drug coverage for its various health care programs.

Appointed to represent physicians for terms expiring 10/1/11 were **James D. Forshee**, M.D., Grand Blanc, and **Daniel M. Ryan**, M.D., Birmingham. The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

The Board provides for the licensure of nursing home administrators and provides penalties for violations.

Appointed to represent nursing home administrators for terms expiring 6/30/13 were **Mina A. Breuker**, Twin Lake, and **Thomas J. Ensign**, Clinton Township. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board exercises authority and power necessary to carry out the lawful purposes of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Corporation, and develops policies that benefit the quality, cost, and availability to Blue Cross Blue Shield members.

Gerald H. Acker, Huntington Woods, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 2/18/12.

The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Commission serves in an effective and visible consumer advocacy role for improving the quality of, and access to, long-term care supports and services.

RoAnne Chaney, East Lansing, was designated to serve as chairperson of the Commission for a term expiring at the pleasure of the governor. Appointed to represent the general public were **Mary M. Ablan**, Lansing, and **Sharon Greene Mack**, Dearborn. **Jonathon S. Mead**, Escanaba, was appointed to represent primary or secondary consumers of long-term care supports and services, and **Thomas G. Rau**, Brighton, was appointed to represent providers of Medicaid-funded long-term care supports and services. All terms expire 12/31/13 and are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING

The Commission advises the Office of Services to the Aging, the governor, and the Legislature on matters related to policies and programs for older and aging persons in Michigan, and promotes senior citizen interests within state government and communities.

William H. Walters IV, Brown City, was appointed for a term expiring 7/28/13. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board hears and decides appeals of the Unemployment Agency, referees decisions and/or orders connected with claims for unemployment compensation for federal workers, state employees, veterans, and industrial and commercial workers. It also hears and decides appeals concerning the tax liability and assessment of employers under the Michigan Employment Security Act.

Garry L. Goolsby, Lansing, was appointed to represent employee interests for a term expiring 12/31/13. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA)

MSHDA provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Michigan residents.

Appointed to represent independents for terms expiring 3/10/14 were **Anthony P. Lentych**, Traverse City, and **Catherine Luckert Schmid**, Grand Haven. **Douglas H.**

Graham, Birmingham, was appointed for a term expiring 3/10/11. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

The Board is responsible for coordinating and monitoring programs and services for the prevention of domestic violence and the treatment of victims of domestic violence, developing and recommending policy, and developing and providing technical assistance.

Appointed to represent persons with experience in an area related to the problems of domestic violence were The Honorable **Donald Allen**, Holt, for a term expiring 9/30/12; **Shirley Mann Gray**, West Bloomfield, for a term expiring 9/30/10; and **Kym L. Worthy**, Detroit, also for a term expiring 9/30/10. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Committee was organized in 1974 as an independent state-level body to provide leadership and policy direction for administration of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act in Michigan. It participates in the development and review of the federally-required Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan, and advises the Department of Human Services and the governor on matters relating to the juvenile justice system in this state to ensure compliance with federal program requirements under the act.

Francisco A. Villarruel, Ph.D., East Lansing, was appointed for a term expiring 3/15/12 to represent persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

COUNCIL FOR LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Council assesses trends and issues, develops strategies, and acts as an ongoing strategic advising body that encourages and stimulates innovative public and private responses to workforce challenges. Members work to develop policies and help implement programs that shape a flexible 21st century workforce that meets the needs of Michigan's businesses and allows them to successfully compete in the global marketplace today and in the future.

Robert Straits, South Haven, was appointed for a term expiring 4/30/13 to represent individuals and organizations that have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment activities. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

The Board is responsible for the certification and registration of persons engaged in the social work profession.

Appointed to represent individuals engaged primarily in the practice of social work were **E. Jane Hayes**, Traverse City, for a term expiring 12/31/13, and **Pamela K. Manela**, Novi, for a term expiring 12/31/10. Also appointed were **Michele A. Brock**, East Lansing, representing certified social workers, for a term expiring 12/31/11; and **Michelle L. Woods**, Jackson, representing the general public, for a term expiring 12/31/13. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The Commission focuses on improving the quality of life for women in the state by studying and reviewing the status of Michigan women, directing attention to critical issues that women face, recommending methods to overcome discrimination, promoting methods for women to develop their skills, conducting surveys and establishing advisory committees on vital issues, and recognizing the accomplishments of women in Michigan.

Jayashree Kommareddi, Grand Blanc, was appointed for a term expiring 7/15/13. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD OF MAGISTRATES

The Board functions within the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth and is responsible for conducting hearings in disputes that arise under the Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1969 and hearing cases related to worker's compensation claims.

Appointed for terms expiring 1/26/11 were **Beatrice B. Logan**, Detroit, and **James J. Kent**, East Lansing. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.