

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW & RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Status of bills updated through March 14, 2008.

2007 Public Acts

PA 148 – DELAY TAX ON SERVICES

Delays the effective date of the new state tax on selected services until December 20, 2007 (from December 1).

Signed 12/10/07; immediate effect. (SB 845)

PA 159 – LEAD-CONTENT TOY BAN

Prohibits the manufacture, sale, or exchange of toys with lead content in excess of the amount permitted by federal regulations.

Signed 12/20/07; effective 3/20/08. (SB 174)

PA 160 – LEAD LUNCH BOXES

Prohibits a person from selling or offering for sale or use in Michigan a lunch box that contained a lead-bearing substance.

Signed 12/20/07; effective 3/20/08. (HB 4399)

PA 161 – LEAD JEWELRY

Prohibits a person from using or applying a lead-bearing substance in or on any children's jewelry in Michigan.

Signed 12/20/07; effective 3/20/08. (HB 4132)

PA 162 – LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

Reinstates the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission and sets a July 1, 2010, sunset date on the sections reinstating the Commission and prescribing its duties.

Signed 12/20/07; immediate effect. (HB 4936)

PA 163 – SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SEX OFFENDERS

Expands the provisions in the Penal Code relating to criminal sexual conduct by teachers to include school volunteers, employees, and contractual service providers.

Signed 12/20/07; effective 7/1/08. (SB 386)

PA 194 – REVENUE SHARING

Revises reference to single business tax in revenue sharing statute.

Signed 12/20/07; immediate effect. (HB 5193)

PA 201 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Provides for Brownfield Redevelopment Authority revisions.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (HB 4711)

PA 202 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Provides for certain revisions to the Brownfield Tax Increment Finance Act.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (HB 4712)

PA 203 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Provides amendments to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (SB 539)

PA 204 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Modifies requirements for projects under the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (SB 534)

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PA 209 – DETROIT INCOME TAX

Repeals the Detroit city income tax reduction.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (HB 5105)

PA 215 – RENAISSANCE ZONE CREDIT

Allows insurance companies to claim a renaissance zone credit in the Michigan Business Tax.

Signed 12/27/07; effective 1/1/08. (HB 5125)

PA 217 – CHILD CARE LICENSING

Revises licensing and registration requirements for child care centers.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (SB 241)

PA 218 – FOSTER CARE BACKGROUND CHECK

Requires an applicant for a license or a renewal of a license to operate a foster care home or a foster care group home to undergo a criminal history check, an FBI records check, and an ICHAT (internet criminal history access tool) check by the Department of State Police.

Signed 12/27/07; effective 1/1/08. (SB 271)

PA 219 & 220 – CHILD CARE HOMES

Amends the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure to change the name of a family day care home to a family *child* care home and a group day care home to a group *child* care home.

Signed 12/27/07; immediate effect. (SB 242 & 243)

2008 Public Acts

PA 1 – DISABLED REFERENCES

Amends the Revised School Code to replace references to a "handicapped person" with "person with a disability."

Signed 1/11/08; immediate effect. (SB 730)

PA 4 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

Expands eligibility in neighborhood enterprise zones to include new facilities.

Signed 2/7/08; immediate effect. (HB 5101)

PA 5 – MOBILE HOME TAX

Provides penalties to mobile home park owners for failing to remit the required assessment tax.

Signed 2/7/08; immediate effect. (SB 111)

PA 7 – CITIZENSHIP DISCLOSURE

Requires disclosure of citizenship on driver's license.

Signed 2/15/08; immediate effect. (HB 4505)

SB 9 – NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS

Amends the Nonprofit Corporation Act to allow the use of electronic communications.

Signed 2/29/08; immediate effect. (SB 123)

PA 15 & 16 – CHILD DAY CARE COMPLAINTS

PA 15 requires a child care organization that was the subject of a high risk special investigation by the Michigan Department of Human Services to notify the parents or guardians of all children who were present at the time of the incident being investigated, or who otherwise could come into contact with the individual being investigated; establishes criminal penalties for making a false report that led to a special investigation requiring this notice.

PA 16 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to include in the sentencing guidelines making a false report that initiated a special investigation prohibited by SB 97.

Signed 2/29/08; effective 6/1/08. (SB 97 & 155)

PA 36-41 – UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT

Establishes the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Law (UAGL) in place of the current act and amends various other acts that reference the UAGL to correct citations, deletes obsolete provisions, and updates language for clarity.

Signed 3/13/08; immediate effect. (SB 712-714 & HB 4940, 4941 & 4945)

Resolutions Adopted

SR 143 – JOB LOSSES

Calls on the Governor to focus in her State of the State Address and the remainder of her administration on job losses in manufacturing.

Adopted 1/24/08. (Sanborn)

HR 291 – HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

Increases the membership of the Health Policy Committee from 18 to 20.

Adopted 2/28/08. (Tobocman)

BILLS PENDING

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Adoption

HB 4896 – ADOPTION RECORDS

Allows an adopted individual born in this state who is 21 years or older to obtain a certified copy of his or her original certificate of live birth that was sealed from inspection under the Public Health Code.

Introduced 6/12/07; to Families & Children's Services; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 3/5/08. (Wojno) (Similar to SB 592 – Olshove.)

HB 5261 – 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 is placed with the employee for adoption at birth.

House passed substitute 12/13/07; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 1/9/08. (Gillard)

Children & Families

SB 82 – CHILD CAR SEATS

Requires that a child four years of age or older but less than eight, and who is less than four feet nine inches tall, be properly secured in a child restraint system in accordance with the instructions of the child restraint and vehicle manufacturers and with applicable federal standards.

Senate passed 3/6/08; to House Transportation 3/6/08; reported with recommendation without amendments 3/13/08. (McManus)

SB 158 – CHILD ABUSE

Includes in the definition of *child abuse* the commission of an act likely to cause physical harm.

Introduced 2/6/07; to Families & Human Services; referred to Judiciary 9/12/07; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 3/12/08. (Jelinek)

SB 273 – CHILD ABUSE REPORTS

Clarifies the procedure required of the Department of Human Services for following up on a report of child abuse or neglect that involves a licensed or registered facility or home.

Senate passed 3/13/07; House passed 3/13/08. (Hardiman)

SB 291, 292, 660 & 661 – JUVENILE GANGS

SB 291 – Creates additional penalties for committing a crime while a member of a gang. (Similar to HB 4459 – Robertson.)

SB 292 – Enacts sentencing guidelines for committing crimes while a gang member. (Similar to HB 4460 – Robertson.)

SB 660 – Prohibits gang activity and coercion of individuals into gangs.

SB 661 – Sets sentencing guidelines for gang recruitment.
Senate passed 2/21/08 (SB 291, 660 & 661 with substitutes); to House Judiciary 2/21/08. (Kahn & Jansen)

SB 760 – CHILD ABUSE SENTENCING

Revises sentencing guidelines for third-degree child abuse to reflect citation changes.

Introduced 9/12/07; to Families & Human Services; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 3/12/08. (Jelinek)

SB 1059 – PARENTAL CONSENT

Clarifies the process for a judicial waiver of parental consent requirement.

Senate passed 3/11/08; to House Judiciary 3/11/08. (Robertson) (Similar to HB 5650 – Robertson.)

HB 4872 & 4873 – CHILDREN UNATTENDED

HB 4872 prohibits a person from leaving a young child unattended in a vehicle for a period of time that posed an unreasonable risk of harm or injury. HB 4873 places the maximum terms of imprisonment for felony violations within the sentencing guidelines.

House passed substitutes 1/31/08; to Senate Judiciary 2/5/08. (Meadows & Amos)

Economic Development

SB 885 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Requires the recommendation of the Commission of Agriculture for establishing certain renaissance zones.

Senate passed substitute as amended 12/1/07; to House Agriculture 12/1/07. (Kahn) (Similar to HB 5410 – Opsommer.)

HB 5600 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Provides modifications to the eligibility criteria of renaissance zones.

House passed substitute 2/20/08. (Sak)

Education

SB 415 & HB 5322 – HPV INFORMATION

SB 415 requires the Department of Education to provide information regarding risks and availability to schools of human papillomavirus immunization (HPV). HB 5322 requires schools to provide information about HPV and the HPV vaccine to parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in certain grades.

Senate passed SB 415 (with substitute) 5/29/07; House passed 2/12/08. House passed HB 5322 (with substitute) 2/12/08; to Senate Health Policy 2/14/08. (Cherry & Clack) (Similar to HB 5171 & SB 416 – Meadows & Stamas.)

SB 482 – MICHIGAN PROMISE ELIGIBILITY

Adds as a qualification for the Michigan Promise Scholarship Award a qualifying score of the social studies assessment.

Senate passed substitute 10/18/07; to House Government Operations & Reform 2/12/08. (Gleason)

SB 747 – STUDENT ABSENCES

Requires that school districts grant excused absences for students when a parent is deployed or returns from combat duty.

Senate passed 10/17/07; to House Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security 10/17/07; reported with recommendation without amendments & referred to second reading 12/5/07. (Scott)

SB 836 – SCHOOL SHARED TIME AID

Revises the terms under which a district may receive State school aid for a nonpublic school student or home-schooled student enrolled in certain curricular offerings provided by the district.

Senate passed substitute 2/26/08; to House Education 2/26/08. (Van Woerkom)

SB 1039 – SCHOOL INTERVENING PROGRAMS

Permits an intermediate school district to develop and make available to school districts and public school academies an early intervening model program for kindergarten to third grade.

Senate passed substitute 2/28/08; to House Education 2/28/08. (Cassis)

HB 4042 – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Raises the compulsory school attendance age from 16 to 18.

Introduced 1/22/07; to Education; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 1/29/08. (Lemmons) (Similar to HB 5594 – Sak.)

HB 4739 & 4740 – SCHOOL BOARD RESIDENCY

Amends the Michigan Election Law to provide consistent definitions of "residence," "residing," and "resident of the state" for elected school board members who serve on the state and local boards of education, as well as university and community college boards.

Introduced 5/9/07; to Ethics & Elections; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 5/30/07; referred to Ethics & Elections 2/12/08. (Dean & Tobocman)

HB 5375 – MICHIGAN PROMISE ZONES

Establishes Michigan promise zones and provides funding through state education tax revenue.

House passed substitute 12/3/07 to Senate Education 1/9/08. (Melton) (Similar to SB 861 – Van Woerkom.)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 868 – LEGISLATIVE BENEFITS

Establishes graded health insurance premiums for legislators elected on or after January 1, 2008.

Senate passed substitute as amended 11/8/07; House passed substitute 12/13/07. (Kuipers)

SB 869 – GUBERNATORIAL BENEFITS

Establishes graded health insurance premiums for a governor and lieutenant governor elected on or after January 1, 2008.

Senate passed substitute as amended 11/8/07; to House Oversight & Investigations 11/8/07; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 12/6/07. (Kuipers)

HB 4774 – IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Allows an individual to apply to register to vote at any county, city, or township clerk's office in the state.

House passed with amendments 2/26/08; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight. (Melton)

HB 5739 – VOTER ID

Allows voters who register by mail to present a valid form of identification to any county, city, or township clerk office before an election.

House passed with amendments 2/26/08; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight. (Pearce)

Employment & Economy

SCR 22 – STATE SALARIES

Urges the State Officer Compensation Committee to recommend a 5 percent reduction in state officer salaries.

Senate adopted substitute 11/8/07; House adopted substitute with amendments 12/13/07. (Bishop)

HB 4627 – PAY EQUITY COMMISSION

Establishes a Commission on Pay Equity that would be responsible for developing definitions of comparable wages.

House passed substitute 2/12/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 2/14/08. (K. Law)

HB 5545 & 5546 – HEALTH CARE CONSOLIDATION

Amends the State Employees' Retirement Act (HB 5545) and the Judges Retirement Act (HB 5546) to provide for the consolidation of employee retirement health care funds with employee health care funds.

Introduced 12/6/07; to Retiree Health Care Reform; reported with recommendation with substitutes and referred to second reading 12/13/07. (Meadows & Calley)

Health

HB 4451 – PREFUNDED RETIREE HEALTH CARE

Allows counties, cities, villages, and townships, through September 30, 2010, to issue municipal securities (bonds) to pay the costs of an unfunded accrued liability in the provision of post-employment health benefits for retirees.

Introduced 3/13/07; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs; reported with recommendation for referral to Retiree Health Care Reforms 10/10/07; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 12/1/07. (Marleau)

HB 5526-5529 – AUTISM PACKAGE

HB 5526 – Establishes an income tax contribution designation for the Autism Research Fund. (Similar to SB 958 – Thomas.)

HB 5527 – Provides coverage by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan for autism-related health treatments. (Similar to SB 785 – Hunter.)

HB 5528 – Establishes the Autism Research Fund in the Department of Community Health to promote research in the state relating to autism. (Similar to SB 957 – Hunter.)

HB 5529 – Provides coverage by commercial health insurers and health maintenance organizations for autism-related health treatments. (Similar to SB 784 – Hunter.)

All bills were introduced 12/4/07; to Health Policy. HB 5526 & HB 5528 were reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 12/13/07. (Angerer & Ball)

HB 5757 – FALSE MEDICAID CLAIMS

Revises the liability for false or fraudulent claims to the Medicaid program.

House passed substitute 3/13/08. (Corriveau)

Housing

SB 948, 950, 951 & HB 5443, 5446 – MSHDA REFINANCING PROGRAMS

The following bills make revisions to various sections of the State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Act:

SB 948 – Allows MSHDA to participate in loans made to individual purchasers for long-term refinancing.

SB 950 – Creates the Recapture Tax Fund.

SB 951 – Expands financing for the purchase of certain existing single-family residences to include refinancing.

HB 5443 – Provides a waiver for bonds issued to refinance single family homes.

HB 5446 – Extends the issuance date for limitation on aggregate principal amount of notes and bonds

Senate passed SB 948, 950 & 951 with substitutes as amended 3/6/08; House passed 3/13/08. HB 5443 & 5444 were ordered enrolled 3/13/08. (Sen. Hunter, Rep. Tobocman, et. al.)

SB 1133 – MSHDA LOAN ELIGIBILITY

Increases the income qualifier for financing loans from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

Senate passed substitute 3/6/08; House passed 3/13/08. (Richardville)

Seniors & Adult Services

SB 1161 – CRIMINAL CHECKS

Delays for one year the deadline by which employees of specified types of health facilities and agencies must submit fingerprints to the State Police for a background check; requires the Department of Community Health and the State Police to maintain, rather than develop and implement, an electronic web-based system to assist health facilities and agencies in identifying individuals who are convicted of offenses disqualifying them for employment.

Introduced 3/5/08; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs; reassigned to Health Policy 3/5/08, (Birkholz)

HB 5669 – ADULT ABUSE COMPLAINTS

Prohibits a magistrate from refusing to accept a vulnerable adult abuse complaint because it was signed upon information and belief by an individual other than the victim.

House passed substitute 3/13/08. (Constan)

Social Services

SB 120 – FOOD ASSISTANCE

Requires food assistance benefits to be distributed twice a month.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/12/08; to House Families & Children's Services. (Scott) (Similar to HB 4923 - Meisner)

SB 170 – GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE

Establishes the Subsidized Guardianship Assistance Act to provide assistance payment to certain guardians of minors.

Introduced 2/6/07; to Families & Human Services; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 12/11/07. (Clark-Coleman)

HB 4481 – YOUTH FOSTER CARE

Creates the Foster Care Independence Act that would guide the provision of services to youth transitioning out of foster care.

House passed substitute 4/26/07; to Senate Families & Human Services 5/1/07; referred to committee of the whole 3/13/08. (Clack)

Taxes

SB 150 – FOOD BANK CREDIT

Provides an income tax credit for donations to food banks.

Senate passed substitute 2/26/08; to House Tax Policy 2/26/08; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 3/12/08. (Allen)

SB 652 – CHARITY TAX CREDIT

Extends the deadline to qualify for an income tax credit.

Senate passed substitute 2/26/08; to House Tax Policy 2/26/08. (George)

SB 967 – SERVICE TAX IMPLEMENTATION

Provides for a business tax credit for costs to comply with the implementation of repealed service tax.

Senate passed substitute 1/17/08; to House Tax Policy 1/17/08. (Cassis)

SB 982 – BROWNFIELD CREDIT

Amends the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) Act to permit a qualified taxpayer to assign all or a portion of certain brownfield tax credits allowed under the MBT Act or under the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act, rather than just under the SBT Act.

Senate passed 12/13/07; to House New Economy & Quality of Life 12/13/07. (Allen)

SB 1058 – BUSINESS TAX

Provides for relief during the transition period for penalties associated with the payment of estimated taxes.

Senate passed substitute 2/14/08; to House Tax Policy 2/14/08. (Kahn)

HB 4064 – HOME HEATING CREDIT

Establishes the Home Heating Credit Fund within the Department of Treasury to fund home heating credits under the Income Tax Act to the extent that those credits are not fully funded by federal low income home energy assistance program block grant funds.

House passed substitute 1/23/08; to Senate Finance 1/24/08. (Nofs)

HB 4280 – HOME HEATING CREDIT

Provides an income tax check-off option for contributions to the Home Heating Credit Fund.

House passed substitute 1/23/08; to Senate Finance 1/24/08. (Accavitti)

HB 4619 – HEALTH PREMIUM TAX CREDIT

Provides a tax credit to new small businesses based on premiums paid for health benefit plans.

Introduced 4/19/07; to Commerce; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 2/19/08. (Meisner)

HB 5511 – BROWNFIELD CREDIT

Amends the Michigan Business Tax to, among other things, increase brownfield development tax credits; modify the project review protocols of the Michigan Economic Growth Authority; and provide new definitions for the terms "eligible property" and "urban development area project."

House passed substitute 12/11/07. (Clemente)

HB 5539-5442 – BROWNFIELDS

Provides for reimbursement of certain tax capture reductions for Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities (HB 5539), Local Development Finance Authorities (HB 5540), Tax Increment Finance Authorities (HB 5541), and Downtown Development Authorities (HB 5542).

House passed substitutes as amended 12/13/07; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 1/9/08. (Bieda, et. al.)

HB 5554-5556 – STREAMLINES SALES/USE TAX

Makes a number of changes in the state's sales and use taxes, primarily to make state tax statutes conform to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

House passed 2/27/08 (HB 5555 & 5556 with substitutes); to Senate Finance 2/28/08. (Bieda & Condino)

HB 5723 – DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

Allows a business tax credit for contributions to individual or family development accounts.

House passed 2/28/08; to Senate Finance 3/4/08. (Bieda)

HB 5849 – JOB TRAINING

Provides for a business tax credit for certain production companies for qualified job training expenditures.

House passed substitute 3/12/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 3/13/08. (Corriveau) (Similar to SB 1176 – Birkholz.)

Miscellaneous

SB 826-833 & HB 5287-5291 – PREDATORY LENDING

A package of bills that change lending laws in order to protect consumers from unscrupulous lending practices.

SB 826-833 and HB 5290 & 5291 were ordered enrolled 2/27/08. Both the House and Senate passed HB 5287-5289 (with substitutes) 2/13/08 and 2/27/08, respectively. (Sen. Richardville, Rep. Jackson, et. al.)

SB 962, 963 & 1075 – DOCUMENT VERIFICATION

Provides minimum document requirements and issuance standards for driver's licenses (SB 962) and personal identification cards (SB 963) and enacts sentencing guidelines for the improper access, use, compilation, or maintenance of a database of information from the bar code of a driver license or official State ID card (SB 1075).

Senate passed 2/6/08 (SB 962 with substitute); to House Transportation 2/6/08. (Sanborn, et. al.) (SB 962 is similar to HB 5518 – Pavlov; SB 963 is similar to HB 5519 – Nofs.)

HB 4525-4528 & 5568 – PRISONER REENTRY

Amends various acts to ease the ability of prisoners, after release upon parole or completion of their sentences, to obtain driver's licenses and state personal I.D. cards, and to create a debit card by which former prisoners could access money left in their prisoner accounts.

House passed with amendments (HB 4527 with substitute) 2/20/08; to Senate Judiciary 2/21/08. (Condino, et. al.)

BILLS INTRODUCED

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Children & Families

SB 879 – CHILDREN’S DAY

Designates the third Sunday in September as Children’s Day.

Introduced 11/6/07; to Families & Human Services. (Garcia)

HB 5418 – SMOKING IN VEHICLES

Prohibits possessing a lit tobacco product in a motor vehicle with an individual under four years of age and provides penalties.

Introduced 11/7/07; to Transportation. (Moolenaar)

HB 5464 – FATHER RIGHTS

Requires document notarization before termination of putative father rights.

Introduced 11/26/07; to Families & Children’s Services. (Calley)

HB 5482 – INFANT HEALTH SCREENING

Requires the Department of Community Health to establish a program for the early detection of, and follow-up health care for, infants at risk for hearing impairment.

Introduced 11/28/07; to Health Policy. (Steil) (Similar to SB 987 – Gleason.)

HB 5551 – UNEMANCIPATED MINORS

Prohibits dispensing or administering prescriptions to an unemancipated minor without the consent of a parent or guardian under certain circumstances.

Introduced 12/11/07; to Health Policy. (Stahl)

HB 5557 – MINOR VICTIMS

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

Introduced 12/12/07; to Judiciary. (Stahl)

HB 5596 – NEWBORN TESTING

Requires testing of newborns for hearing impairment.

Introduced 1/9/08; to Health Policy. (Sak)

HB 5699 – YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES

Clarifies setting of per diem rates for youth rehabilitation services.

Introduced 2/12/08; to Appropriations. (Spade)

HB 5800 – PARENTAL LIABILITY

Excludes a parent’s financial responsibility if a court determines that the parent did not have a reasonable ability to control the conduct of their minor child at the time of the malicious or willful conduct.

Introduced 2/26/08; to Judiciary. (Calley)

HB 5828 – POSTHUMOUS ADOPTIONS

Provides retroactivity for posthumous adoptions and medical assistance payments.

Introduced 2/28/08; to Judiciary. (Mayes)

HJR NN – CHILD UPBRINGING

Declares the rights of parents and legal guardians to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children as a fundamental constitutional right.

Introduced 1/23/08; to Judiciary. (Stahl)

Consumer Protection

HB 5421 – CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Clarifies and revises application of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act to certain unfair trade practices in the Insurance Code and certain other acts permitted by law.

Introduced 11/7/07; Insurance. (Scott)

HB 5426 – CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAM

Creates the Comprehensive Consumer Awareness Program to educate Michigan residents on specific actions that state residents can take to reduce home and automobile insurance premiums.

Introduced 11/7/07; Insurance. (Farrah)

HB 5427 – CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Creates the Comprehensive Community Education Program to educate community leaders as to specific steps that they can take to reduce home and automobile insurance premiums in their communities, including, but not limited to, education efforts, fire prevention, law enforcement activities, improving traffic infrastructure, and increasing public transportation.

Introduced 11/7/07; Insurance. (Lemmons)

HB 5565 – CREDIT SCORING

Regulates the use of credit information and credit scoring.

Introduced 12/13/07; Insurance. (Johnson)

Economic Development

SB 887 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

Allows exceptions to neighborhood enterprise zone requirements.

Introduced 11/8/07; to Commerce & Tourism. (Basham)

SB 971 – RENAISSANCE ZONE RETAIL

Creates retail development renaissance zones.

Introduced 12/6/07; to Commerce & Tourism. (Clarke)

SB 975 – NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES

Modifies the number of parcels allowed in a neighborhood enterprise zone.

Introduced 12/6/07; to Commerce & Tourism. (Kahn)

SB 976 – NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE PROPERTY

Expands the definition of a facility in a neighborhood enterprise zone.

Introduced 12/6/07; to Commerce & Tourism. (Gilbert)

HB 5550 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

Revises the eligibility for neighborhood enterprise zones for certain residents.

Introduced 12/11/07; to Commerce. (Young)

HB 5601 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Allows for the expansion of existing renaissance zones.

Introduced 1/9/08; to Commerce. (Sak)

HB 5768 – BLIGHTED PROPERTY

Allows municipalities and financial institutions working together to grant loans to private property owners to rehabilitate blighted property.

Introduced 2/19/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Young)

HB 5780-5791 – HIRE MICHIGAN FIRST

Amends a number of state purchasing and contracting statutes and economic development statutes, generally speaking, to require that preference be given to residents of Michigan and to disqualify firms from eligibility unless they agree not to hire individuals who are not authorized under federal law to work in the United States. The bills also require state agencies and local units of government to report annually on their compliance with hiring and contracting requirements and with the impact of their activities on Michigan jobs.

HB 5780-5784 were introduced to Labor; HB 5785-5791 were introduced to Commerce; 2/21/08. (Miller, et. al.)

Education

SB 1010 – EARLY EDUCATION

Allows intermediate school districts to request millages to establish early childhood education programs.

Introduced 1/9/08; to Finance. (Jacobs)

SB 1013 – ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

Sets penalties for schools that fail to achieve adequate yearly progress.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Education. (Kuipers)

HB 5411 – PERMANENT EXPULSION

Requires notice of due process rights and policies relating to permanent school expulsion.

Introduced 11/7/07; to Education. (Steil)

HB 5454 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE

Provides for general amendments to the Public Employees Health Benefit Act.

Introduced 11/8/07; to Education. (Sak)

HB 5514 – SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Revises the procedure for holding school district elections.

Introduced 12/4/07; to Ethics & Elections. (Bieda)

HB 5580 – CHARTER SCHOOLS

Requires charter schools to obtain a new contract if they relocate to another site.

Introduced 12/13/07; to Education. (Bieda) (Similar to SB 1006 – Olshove.)

HB 5724 & 5725 – COLOR BLIND TESTING

Revises the School Code and the Public Health Code, respectively, to require that school vision screening include an examination for color blindness.

Introduced 2/13/08; to Health Policy. (Moore)

HB 5758 – SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Requires the State to incur the cost of first-class school district elections.

Introduced 2/19/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Lemmons)

HB 5765 – PUPIL COUNT

Modifies the number of pupils enrolled in a school district to determine the status as a first-class school district.

Introduced 2/19/08; to Education. (Scott)

HB 5832 – EXPULSION

Requires school board members to abstain from voting on an expulsion when a conflict of interest exists.

Introduced 2/28/08; to Education. (Dean)

HCR 70 & HR 268 – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation to reform the No Child Left Behind Act.

Introduced 2/7/08; to Education. (Sak)

HR 299 – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS EDUCATION

Urges universities and K-12 schools to warn children and young adults about the dangers of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, to encourage physicians and pharmacists to alert parents to the inherent dangers of these drugs, and to encourage parents to keep these medications out of their children's reach.

Introduced 3/11/08; to Education. (Dean)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 1086 – INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Changes the deadline for filing initiative petitions with the Secretary of State from 160 days before the election to the preceding March 15, and increases from 180 to 210 the

number of days that a signature may be on a petition before it is void.

Introduced 2/12/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Jacobs)

SB 1087 – INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM PETITIONS

Changes the requirements for petition circulators for both constitutional amendments and initiatives and referendums.

Introduced 2/12/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Jansen)

SJR K – INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM PETITIONS

Requires a geographic distribution for initiative and referendum petitions.

Introduced 2/12/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (MdManus)

HB 5573 – ABSENT VOTER FILE

Provides for a permanent absent voter file.

Introduced 12/13/07; to Ethics & Elections. (Miller) (Similar to SB 135 & 1060 – Prusi & Patterson and HB 5891 – Vagnozzi.)

HB 5792 – PREREGISTERING VOTERS

Provides for preregistration to vote at age 16.

Introduced 2/21/08; to Ethics & Elections. (Bieda) (Similar to SB 1136 – Brown.)

HB 5795 – ABSENT VOTER

Permits issuance of absentee voter ballots upon a voter's request without requiring justification.

Introduced 2/26/08; to Ethics & Elections. (LeBlanc)

HJR HH – LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

Revises terms limits to give every member of the Michigan Legislature the option of serving 12 years in either chamber, places a one-year moratorium on lobbying for certain state officials, and reduces compensation when state legislators have unexcused absences.

Introduced 11/26/07; to Government Operations. (Amos)

HJR JJ – CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Allows the Governor to appoint a chief administrative officer with a base annual salary of \$500,000.

Introduced 12/5/07; to Government Operations. (Wenke)

HJR QQ – SHARED POWER

Creates the shared power organizational agreement in the House.

Introduced 2/19/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Caul)

HJR SS – UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE

Provides for a unicameral Legislature, independent redistricting commission, and changes to legislative pay and benefits.

Introduced 3/12/08; to Government Operations. (Simpson)

Employment & Economy

SB 997 – WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Clarifies for the purposes of worker’s compensation eligibility that the definition of *commission of a crime* does not include an alien's working without employment authorization or an alien's use of false documents to obtain employment or to seek work.

Introduced 12/12/07; to Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies. (Clarke) (Similar to HB 5572 – Tobocman.)

SB 1016 & 1017 – ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Prohibits state government (SB 1016) and local governments (SB 1017) from issuing contracts to companies that employ undocumented workers.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Commerce & Tourism. (Anderson & Schauer)

SB 1137 – EARLY RETIREMENT

Allows for an early retirement option for certain Department of Human Services employees.

Introduced 2/27/08; to Appropriations. (Scott)

HB 5136 – WAGE DISCRIMINATION

Increases penalties for third and subsequent violations for wage discrimination based on sex.

Introduced 8/23/07; to Labor. (Miller)

HB 5416 – ILLEGAL ALIEN HIRES

Amends the Civil Rights Act to bar the discharge of an employee when an illegal alien is employed.

Introduced 12/4/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Mayes)

HB 5636 – STATE PENSIONS

Amends the definition of pension benefits to retired state employees.

Introduced 1/17/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Wenke)

HB 5670 – DETROIT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Provides for a residency requirement for City of Detroit employees.

Introduced 1/30/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Young)

HB 5671 – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Authorizes a public employer to provide, through collective bargaining, a residency requirement for employees and modifies requirements for employees living within a specified geographic area.

Introduced 1/30/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Johnson)

HB 5672 – DOMESTIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

Modifies minimum wage eligibility for certain domestic service employment.

Introduced 1/30/08; to Labor. (Knollenberg)

HB 5783 – PREVAILING WAGE

Establishes a requirement for prevailing wage compliance and for legal workers to perform labor or state contracts.

Introduced 2/21/08; to Labor. (Ebli)

HCR 72 & HR 267 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Urges the U.S. Congress to extend unemployment benefits as a key part of the federal economic stimulus package.

Adopted 2/7/08. (Sak)

HJR II – UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Increases the maximum number of unclassified employees.

Introduced 11/28/07; to Government Operations. (Robertson)

HR 270 – ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Urges the U.S. Senate to enact the President’s economic stimulus package.

Introduced 2/7/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Steil)

Energy & Utilities

HB 5522 – UTILITY RATES

Requires the Public Service Commission to adopt new methods of allocating costs to different groups of electric customers and, with certain exceptions, to set rates in accordance with the mandated cost-allocation methods.

Introduced 12/4/07; to Energy & Technology. (LaJoy)

HB 5523 – UTILITY RATE APPROVAL

Allows a gas or electric utility that has applied to increase its rates or charges to implement the increase after 90 days if the Public Service Commission had not yet issued a final order.

Introduced 12/4/07; to Energy & Technology. (Clemente)

HB 5524 – POWER CHOICE

Modifies consumer choice program for electric utilities.
Introduced 12/4/07; to Energy & Technology. (Accavitti)

HB 5593 – UTILITY SHUTOFFS

Establishes a written utility shutoff notification period.
Introduced 1/9/08; to Energy & Technology. (LeBlanc)

Health

SB 956 – ELECTRONIC DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS

Modifies provisions for individuals eligible to dispense a drug prescription received via electronic means.
Introduced 12/6/07; to Health Policy. (Clarke)

SB 1070 – COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

Expands the powers of the governing board of a community mental health services authority.
Introduced 1/31/08; to Health Policy. (Kahn)

SB 1071 & 1072 – HEALTH CARE LICENSING

SB 1071 requires the Department of Community Health to develop a uniform, standard, electronic health care professional credentialing application available free of charge to health insurers and providers and to make the application available on its internet website. SB 1072 requires health insurers and providers to use the new application.
Introduced 1/31/08; to Health Policy. (Brown)

HB 5577 – HOME CARE

Clarifies the definition of certain home care agencies and services.
Introduced 12/13/07; to Health Policy. (Wojno)

HB 5759 – CHIROPRACTORS

Revises the scope of practice for chiropractors.
Introduced 2/19/08; to Judiciary. (Angerer) (Similar to SB 908 – Kuipers.)

HB 5767 – HEALTH CARE CORPORATIONS

Prohibits including a health care service as a covered benefit if a health care corporation's copayment or deductible is higher than a certain amount.
Introduced 2/19/08; to Insurance. (Condino)

HB 5772 – HEALTH CARE

Requires public sector employees to contribute toward the cost of health care benefits.
Introduced 2/19/08; to Government Operations. (Wenke)

HB 5776 – DENTAL SERVICES

Provides for an explanation of benefits for dental services.
Introduced 2/20/08; to Insurance. (Hune)

HB 5834 – MEDICAID

Modifies appropriations to support Medicaid expenditures for hospital services and therapy.
Introduced 2/28/08; to Appropriations. (McDowell)

HB 5880-5881 – HEALTH LICENSES

HB 5880 requires occupational health license revocation or denial upon conviction of first-, second- or third-degree criminal sexual conduct. HB 5881 requires the disciplinary subcommittee to impose those sanctions.
Introduced 3/12/08; to Health Policy. (LaJoy & Hammel)

HB 5889 – IN-HOME CARE AUDIT

Establishes annual audit procedure for providers of in-home medical care services.
Introduced 3/13/08; to Health Policy. (Hammon)

Housing

SB 1068 – EVICTIONS

Requires seven-day notice of eviction for tenants who injure or threaten to injure other tenants or employees of the landlord.
Introduced 1/31/08; to Judiciary. (Garcia)

HB 5532 – FORECLOSURES

Requires a 30-day notice from a landlord to a tenant regarding foreclosure of property.
Introduced 12/6/07; to Regulatory Reform. (Jackson.)

HB 5857 – FORECLOSURES

Provides for a one-year moratorium on residential mortgage and land contract foreclosures.
Introduced 3/4/08; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Jackson)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 918 – SCHOOL AID SUPPLEMENTAL

Provides supplemental appropriations for School Aid for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Introduced 11/27/07; to Appropriations. (Jelinek)

SB 1117 – MAY 30 BUDGET TARGET

Establishes May 30 as the target deadline for completing the annual budget.

Introduced 2/14/08; to Appropriations. (Pappageorge)

HB 5137 – STATE SPENDING

Creates a searchable database for all state expenditures.

Introduced 8/23/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Hoogendyk)

HB 5531 – SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

Provides a supplemental increase in the 2007-2008 appropriation for the Michigan School Readiness Program.

Introduced 12/6/07; to Appropriations. (Gillard)

HB 5602 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides for an increase in the 2008 supplemental appropriations.

Introduced 1/9/08; to Appropriations. (Sak)

The following are appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2008-2009:

HB 5809 – LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH (SB 1146)

HB 5813 – CORRECTIONS (SB 1153)

HB 5814 – HUMAN SERVICES (SB 1145)

HB 5815 – COMMUNITY HEALTH (SB 1141)

HB 5817 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES (SB 1142)

HB 5818 – EDUCATION (SB 1147)

HB 5819 – HIGHER EDUCATION (SB 1154)

HB 5820 – SCHOOL AID (SB 1149)

Introduced 2/26/08; to Appropriations. (Hammel, et. al.)

Seniors & Adult Services

SB 1116 – ESTATE BENEFIT FORFEITURE

Provides for forfeiture of benefits for the conviction of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly individual.

Introduced 2/14/08; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs. (Allen)

HB 5499 – INCAPACITATED PERSONS' RIGHTS

Defines the rights of incapacitated persons in the Estates and Protected Individuals Code.

Introduced 12/1/07; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Robert Jones)

HB 5726 – ABUSE REPORTING

Includes employees of financial institutions among those required to report suspected abuses and neglect of an adult.

Introduced 2/13/08; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Meadows)

HB 5894 – BACKGROUND CHECKS

Delays by one year the requirement that certain employees of adult foster care facilities provide the State Police with a set of fingerprints for a background check.

Introduced 3/13/08; to Families & Children's Services. (Jackson)

Social Services

SB 1163 – ADULT FOSTER CARE

Revises the definition of *adult foster care facility*.

Introduced 3/4/08; to Families & Human Services. (Garcia)

HB 5836 – CHILD PLACEMENT

Prohibits the use of State funds to pay for services when a public ward is placed in a child-placing agency or child care institution that is not accredited.

Introduced 2/28/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Spade)

HB 5837 – JUVENILE PLACEMENT

Prohibits the use of State funds to pay for services when a court enters an order of disposition placing a juvenile who is a public ward in a public or private institutional that is not accredited.

Introduced 2/28/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Byrnes)

Taxes

SB 919 – DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

Provides for a property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Introduced 11/27/07; to Finance. (Anderson)

SB 1014 – BUSINESS TAX

Excludes certain individuals from the definition of a unitary business group under the Michigan Business Tax.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 1015 – TAX INFORMATION

Permits the release of some tax information to the legislative chairs of the taxation committees.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 1020 – BUSINESS TAX

Allows for credits to individual or family development accounts.

Introduced 1/22/08; to Finance. (Hunter)

SB 1040 – ENERGY TAX CREDIT

Allows a taxpayer to claim an income tax credit for participating in a qualified energy program for tax years beginning after December 31, 2008.

Introduced 1/22/08; to Energy Policy & Public Utilities. (Kahn)

SB 1046 & 1047 – LOW-INCOME ENERGY

SB 1046 creates the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Account Program and provides tax deductions and credits. SB 1047 provides for contributions through income tax credits to low-income energy efficiency accounts

Introduced 1/22/08; to Energy Policy & Public Utilities. (Kahn & Jansen)

SB 1064 – TAX FILING

Provides for free online filing of Michigan income tax.

Introduced 1/29/08; to Finance. (Switalski)

SB 1065 – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Increases homestead property tax credits.

Introduced 1/29/08; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 1186 – SUMMER MILLAGE COLLECTION

Moves property tax millages to summer collection.

Introduced 3/5/08; to Finance. (Switalski)

HB 5414 – JOB SKILLS TRAINING

Provides a business tax credit for certain job skill training.

Introduced 11/7/07; to Tax Policy. (Young)

HB 5437-5439 – HOUSING

HB 5437 revises the exemption for nonprofit senior citizen and disabled person housing. HB 5438 creates a specific tax for supportive housing. HB 5439 provides for certification of supportive housing property.

Introduced 11/8/07; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Tobocman)

HB 5564 – LEAD CREDIT

Provides an income tax credit for the cost of certain interim controls and lead abatement activities.

Introduced 12/13/07; to Health Policy. (Steil)

HB 5621 – FITNESS TAX CREDIT

Provides an income tax deduction for fitness center memberships and exercise equipment.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Tax Policy. (Schuitmaker)

HB 5623 – HOME HEATING OIL

Eliminates the collection of the sales tax on home heating oil.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Energy & Technology. (Schuitmaker)

HB 5627 – BUSINESS TAX SURCHARGE REPEAL

Repeals the Michigan Business Tax surcharge and revises the credits.

Introduced 1/17/08; to Tax Policy. (Acciavatti)

HB 5653 – HOME HEATING FUELS

Exempts home heating fuels from the sales tax.

Introduced 1/22/08; to Tax Policy. (Marleau)

HB 5682 – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Increases the amount of the homestead exemption from execution and bankruptcy for persons 65 years and older.

Introduced 1/31/08; to Judiciary. (Caul)

HB 5692 – TAX FREE ZONES

Exempts sales occurring in certain sales tax free zones.

Introduced 2/6/08; to Tax Policy. (Gaffney)

HB 5775 – VEHICLE DONATIONS

Increases the income tax credit for vehicle donations.

Introduced 2/20/08; to Tax Policy. (Meadows)

HB 5777 – WITHHOLDINGS

Requires income tax withholdings from pension, annuity, or other deferred income payments upon request of payee.

Introduced 2/20/08; to Tax Policy. (Pearce)

HB 5893 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE

Provides a Michigan Business Tax deduction for affordable housing projects.

Introduced 3/13/08; to Tax Policy. (Tobocman)

Veterans/Military

HB 5432, 5440 & 5441 – IN-STATE TUITION

The following bills prohibit the use of certain funds at colleges and universities that do not provide in-state tuition to military personnel and their families stationed in Michigan.

HB 5432 – Prohibits the use of Corrections Officers' Survivor Tuition funds.

HB 5440 – Prohibits the use of money from Education Savings Accounts.

HB 5441 – Prohibits the use of Michigan Nursing Scholarship funds.

Introduced 11/8/07; to Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security. (Clemente, et. al.)

HR 250 – VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Urges the U.S. Congress to fund veterans' programs, including health care, fully and fairly.

Introduced 1/16/08; to Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security. (Miller)

Miscellaneous

SB 1212 – DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY FEES

Modifies payment options for driver responsibility fees.

Introduced 3/13/08; to Transportation. (Switalski)

HB 5515 – MUNICIPAL ID CARDS

Requires proof of citizenship or legal presence before being issued municipal identification cards.

Introduced 12/4/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Agema)

HB 5595 – CHARITY GAME TICKETS

Allows for the sale of charity game tickets by a fraternal organization that is not a branch of a national or state organization.

Introduced 1/9/08; to Regulatory Reform. (Sak)

HB 5681 – NONPROFITS

Allows electronic communication and makes other general changes to the Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Introduced 1/31/08; to Commerce. (Tobocman)

HB 5683 – SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICES

Requires the establishment of a Secretary of State branch office in the urban area of cities with a population of 50,000 or more.

Introduced 2/6/08; to Transportation. (Coulouris)

Copies of Legislative Bills

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APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY

The Board is responsible for overseeing the licensure and regulation of audiologists, including establishing specific requirements for licensure.

John D. VanDeventer, East Lansing, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 6/30/08. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

Raewyn J. Bower, Grand Rapids, was appointed to represent primary or secondary consumers of long-term care supports and services for a term expiring 12/31/09. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

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 submit the State Plan for Independent Living.

Appointed to represent persons with disabilities were:

Barbara A. Barton, Kalamazoo, **Norma T. Bauer**, Lansing, and **Diana S. Miller**, Benton Harbor, all for terms expiring 12/31/08; **Patricia M. Hanley**, DeWitt, for a term expiring 12/31/09; and **Ronald L. Bower**, North Branch, **Tonya V. Gaston**, Detroit, and **Roger J. McCarville**, Ortonville, for terms expiring 12/31/10. Appointed to represent advocates of, and for, individuals with disabilities were:

Kathryn W. Wyeth, Eagle Harbor, for a term expiring 12/31/08; **Katherine S. Ellis**, Berrien Springs, for a term expiring 12/31/09; and **Tom M. Masseau, Jr.**, Lansing, for a term expiring 12/31/10.

Appointed for terms expiring 12/31/09 were **Charis A. Austin**, Wyoming, representing blind persons; **James W. Moore**, Traverse City, representing directors of centers for independent living; and **Linda L. Potter**, East Lansing, representing organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities. **Kristine E. Copeland**, Livonia, was appointed to represent parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities for a term expiring 12/31/08; and **Carol L. Bergquist**, Ph.D., Escanaba, was appointed to

represent American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Projects mandated by the Rehabilitation Act for a term expiring 12/31/08.

The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

HOME BASED CHILD CARE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Council focus is on improving the quality of child care provided in home settings in Michigan. It is charged with making recommendations to public agencies, public bodies, or public officials regarding regulations, legislation, appropriations, and programs in regard to the system of providing child care in Michigan.

Cirilo Martinez, Paw Paw, was appointed for a term expiring 9/7/11. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Council, formally known as the State Interagency Coordinating Council for the Handicapped Infants and Toddlers, acts in an advisory capacity to assist the Department of Education with the performance of certain responsibilities, particularly identification of sources of fiscal and other support services for early intervention programs, the assignment of financial responsibility to appropriate agencies, and the promotion of interagency agreements. It also advises and assists the Department in the preparation of applications for financial and other assistance and amendments to the applications and the transition of toddlers with disabilities to preschool and other appropriate services.

Mark J. Larson, Ph.D., Detroit, was appointed to represent individuals involved in personnel preparation for a term expiring 10/31/11. He is also designated as chair for a term expiring at the pleasure of the governor. The Honorable **Brenda J. Clack**, Flint, state representative, was appointed to represent the Michigan Legislature for a term expiring 10/31/08. Appointed to represent public or private providers of early intervention services were **Angus M. Miller IV**, Brighton, and **Mark A. Reigle**, St. Joseph, both for terms expiring 10/31/08; **Johanna M. Ostwald**, Iron Mountain, for a term expiring 10/31/09; **Cynthia Shore-Banks**, Detroit, for a term expiring 10/31/10; and **Barbara A. Corbin**, Jenison, for a term expiring 10/31/11.

Appointed to represent parents of infants or children less than 7 years old with disabilities and with knowledge of or experience with programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities were **Keith L. T. Alexander**, Ann Arbor, and **Kendra D. Edwards**, Grand Rapids, both for terms expiring 10/31/10. Appointed to represent parents of infants or children less than 13 years old with disabilities and with knowledge of or experience with programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities were **Julie K. Lagos**, Macomb Township for a term expiring 10/31/08; **Laura L. Jensen-Hunt**, Grand Blanc, for a term expiring 10/31/10; and **Emilie Mullins**, Monroe, for a term expiring 10/31/11.

Mary A. Roberts, Alanson, was appointed to represent tribal government located in this state for a term expiring 10/31/09. **Pattie A. Walter**, Union City, was appointed to represent head start programs for a term expiring 10/31/09. Appointed to represent other individuals were **Sister Barbara J. Cline**, Lowell, for a term expiring 10/31/08, and **Julie C. Lumeng**, M.D., Ann Arbor, for a term expiring 10/31/11.

The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Committee is an independent, state-level body that provides leadership and policy direction for administration of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act in Michigan. It provides funding for programs in areas including after-care/reintegration services, alternatives to jail; community-

based services, delinquency prevention, gender specific services, juvenile-oriented community policing, minority over-representation, and Native American pass-through.

Appointed for terms expiring 3/15/09 were **Leonard B. Dixon**, Woodhaven, representing persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence; **Kenyatta A. Stephens**, Southfield, representing nonprofit organizations; and Senator **Matthew S. Switalski**, Clinton Township, representing law enforcement and juvenile justice. The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

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 recommends licensure to schools that provide nursing programs.

Jeffrey H. Breslin, R.N., Dansville, was appointed to represent professional registered nurses without a baccalaureate degree engaged in nursing practice or nursing administration, for a term expiring 6/30/11. **James H. Childress**, Grand Rapids, was appointed to represent the general public, for a term expiring 6/30/10. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.