

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW  
&  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Status of bills updated through September 11, 2008.

**2008 Public Acts**

**PA 43 – CHILD CAR SEATS**

Requires child safety booster seats for children between four and eight years of age who are under 4-feet 9-inches tall and weigh less than 80 pounds.

*Signed 3/27/08; effective 7/1/08. (SB 82)*

**PA 46 – 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.

*Signed 3/27/08; immediate effect. (SB 273)*

**PA 53-57 – MSHDA REFINANCING PROGRAMS**

Makes revisions to various sections of the State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Act:

**PA 53** – Provides a waiver for bonds issued to refinance single family homes. (HB 5443)

**PA 54** – Expands financing for the purchase of certain existing single-family residencies to include refinancing. (SB 951)

**PA 55** – Creates the Recapture Tax Fund. (SB 950)

**PA 56** – Extends the issuance date for limitation on aggregate principal amount of notes and bonds. (HB 5446)

**PA 57** – Allows MSHDA to participate in loans made to individual purchasers for long-term refinancing. (SB 948)

**PA 58** – Increases the income qualifier for financing loans from MSHDA. (SB 1133)

*Signed 4/2/08; immediate effect.*

**PA 59-71 – PREDATORY LENDING**

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

*Signed 4/2/08; immediate effect. (HB 5287-5291 & SB 826-833)*

**PA 74-87 – FILM PRODUCTION CREDITS**

A package of bills that provide various incentives aimed at encouraging the production of motion pictures, television programs, music videos, interactive games, and similar productions in Michigan.

*Signed 4/7/08; immediate effect. (SB 1173, 1174, 1176-1178, 1183 & HB 5841, 5842, 5844, 5848, 5852-5855)*

**PA 89 – BROWNFIELD CREDIT**

Amends the Michigan Business Tax to 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."

*Signed 4/8/08; immediate effect. (HB 5511)*

**PA 98-102 – MICHIGAN PROMOTION PROGRAM**

Creates the Michigan Promotion Program to promote tourism in Michigan; provides funding by redirecting a portion of the tobacco settlement monies; and authorizes the refunding, refinancing, and sale of residual interests in the State's tobacco receipts.

*Signed 4/18/08; immediate effect. (SB 1223, 1224 & HB 5865-5867)*

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### **PA 107 – FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Requires food assistance benefits to be distributed twice a month.

*Signed 4/24/08; immediate effect. (SB 120)*

### **PA 112 – SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM**

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

*Signed 4/24/08; immediate effect. (HB 5531)*

### **PA 113 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

*Signed 4/25/08 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 5344)*

### **PA 116 – RENAISSANCE ZONES**

Provides modifications to the eligibility criteria of renaissance zones.

*Signed 4/29/08; immediate effect. (HB 5600)*

### **PA 117 – RENAISSANCE ZONES**

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

*Signed 4/29/08; immediate effect. (SB 885)*

### **PA 120 – HPV INFORMATION**

Requires the Department of Education to provide information regarding risks and availability to schools of human papillomavirus immunization (HPV).

*Signed 5/8/08; immediate effect. (SB 415)*

### **PA 121 – HPV INFORMATION**

Requires schools to provide information about human papillomavirus immunization (HPV) and the HPV vaccine to parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in certain grades.

*Signed 5/8/08; immediate effect. (HB 5322)*

### **PA 123 – HEALTH FACILITY BACKGROUND 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.

*Signed 5/8/08; immediate effect. (SB 1161)*

### **PA 124 – MEDICAL RECORDS**

Amends the Medical Records Access Act to revise provisions authorizing certain individuals to examine or obtain a person's medical record, and authorizes certain individuals to obtain a deceased person's autopsy report.

*Signed 5/8/08; immediate effect. (SB 716)*

### **PA 135 – LONG-TERM CARE 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, and requires the Department of Human Services and the State Police to maintain, rather than develop and implement, an electronic web-based system to assist adult foster care facilities in identifying individuals who are convicted of offenses disqualifying them for employment.

*Signed 5/21/08; immediate effect. (HB 5894)*

### **PA 141 – STUDENT ABSENCES**

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

*Signed 5/28/08; immediate effect. (SB 747)*

### **PA 154-157 – TAX CAPTURE**

The bills amend several statutes to provide for state education tax revenue to be paid to various tax increment authorities, for the repayment of particular advances or obligations, if the amount of tax increment revenue they lost as a result of certain personal property tax exemptions enacted in 2007 would reduce the allowable school tax capture the authorities received in a fiscal year.

*Signed 6/5/08; immediate effect. (HB 5539-5542)*

### **PA 158 – ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION**

Amends the Corrections Code to delete provisions under which a person may not be placed in a special alternative incarceration unit (boot camp) if he or she has ever served a sentence in a boot camp or has ever served a sentence of imprisonment in a state correctional facility.

*Signed 6/5/08; immediate effect. (HB 4184)*

### **PA 168 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE**

Provides a tax deduction for qualified affordable housing projects.

*Signed 6/30/08; immediate effect. (HB 5893)*

### **PA 173 – SENIOR HOME FEES**

Increases fees and assessments for homes for the aged.

*Signed 7/2/08; immediate effect. (HB 4840)*

### **PA 199 – FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

Allows a court that terminates the parental rights of a parent to authorize continued parenting time, at its discretion.

*Signed 7/10/08; immediate effect. (SB 668)*

### **PA 200 – FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

Require the family court, at a permanency planning hearing for a child, to obtain the child's views regarding the permanency plan; requires the court to order the termination of parental rights if a child had been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, except under certain circumstances.

*Signed 7/10/08; immediate effect. (SB 669)*

### **PA 201 – FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

Revises notice regarding the termination of parental rights.

*Signed 7/10/08; immediate effect. (SB 670)*

### **PA 202 – FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

Permits efforts to finalize an alternate permanency plan for a child to be made concurrently with efforts to reunify the child with his or her family.

*Signed 7/10/08; immediate effect. (SB 671)*

### **PA 203 – FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT**

Permits the court to appoint a guardian for a child who remained in placement following the termination of parental rights to the child, if the court determined that such an appointment was in the best interests of the child.

*Signed 7/10/08; immediate effect. (SB 672)*

### **PA 207 – FOOD BANK CREDIT**

Provides an income tax credit for donations to food banks.

*Signed 7/10/08; immediate effect. (SB 150)*

### **PA 212 – EDUCATION BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (SB 1096)*

### **PA 213 – HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for institutions of higher education for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (SB 1099)*

### **PA 215 – YOUTH FOSTER CARE**

Establishes a foster care independence program to offer education, training, employment, and financial support for young adults leaving foster care.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (HB 4481)*

### **PA 216 – HOUSING FUND EXPANSION**

Creates an advisory committee and expands ways to use the Housing and Community Development Fund, including funding for projects in downtown areas and adjacent neighborhoods, foreclosure prevention and assistance, assistance with individual development accounts, activities related to combating homelessness, technical assistance to certain entities, and predatory lending prevention and relief.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (HB 4658)*

### **PA 219 – 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.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (SB 836)*

### **PA 222 – NONPROFITS**

Requires charitable purpose corporations to have at least three members on their board, and prohibit these entities from granting or guaranteeing loans to an officer or director, with certain narrow exceptions; allows for electronic communications.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (HB 5681)*

### **PA 228 – NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE PROPERTY**

Expands the definition of a facility in a neighborhood enterprise zone to include rental property.

*Signed 7/15/08; immediate effect. (SB 976)*

### **PA 244 – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Gives authority for the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund to the Michigan Community and Housing Development Authority (MCHDA), the new name that would be given to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA); expands the use of the funds to include the financing of development in downtown areas or adjacent neighborhoods.

*Signed 7/17/08; immediate effect. (SB 1243)*

### **PA 245 – CORRECTIONS BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for the Department of Corrections for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/18/08 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (SB 1095)*

### **PA 246 – COMMUNITY HEALTH BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for the Department of Community Health for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/17/08; immediate effect. (SB 1094)*

### **PA 248 – HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for the Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/17/08 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 5814)*

### **PA 251 – LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for the Department of Labor and Economic Growth for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/17/08 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 5809)*

### **PA 255 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for community colleges for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 7/17/08; immediate effect. (SB 1093)*

### **PA 257 – HIGH WAGE ACTIVITY**

Revises the definition of “high wage activity” in the law that makes a firm eligible on that basis to be considered by state economic development officials for selective tax breaks.

*Signed 8/4/08; immediate effect. (SB 1367)*

### **PA 260 – GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE**

Creates a new state program that would provide cash subsidies to relatives with low incomes who are appointed by a court to act as a legal guardian for a child.

*Signed 8/4/08; immediate effect. (SB 170)*

### **PA 262-267 – BUSINESS TAX**

PA 263-267 amend the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) Act to allow a manufacturer of polycrystalline silicon for solar cells and semiconductor microchips, that will construct and operate a new or expanded facility in Michigan, to claim an MBT credit for 12 years beginning in 2012 for certain energy consumption costs. PA 262 amends the Michigan

Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Act to authorize MEGA to determine the eligibility of, and issue certificates to, a taxpayer for any MBT credits allowed.

*Signed 8/6/08; immediate effect. (SB 1267, 1268, 1270 & HB 5972, 5973, 5976)*

### **PA 268 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET**

Provides appropriations for School Aid for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

*Signed 8/6/08; immediate effect. (SB 1107)*

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## **Resolutions Adopted**

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### **SR 155 – YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education Act (Youth PROMISE Act) to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention, and to help build individual, family and community strength to ensure that our youth lead productive, law-abiding, addiction- and gang-free lives.

*Adopted 5/28/08. (Jansen)*

### **HCR 268 – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

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

*Adopted 5/20/08. (Sak)*

### **HR 117 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Urges the U.S. Congress to provide a federal extension of unemployment benefits for unemployed workers in Michigan.

*Adopted 6/10/08. (Vagnozzi)*

### **HR 306 – FORECLOSURES**

Urges the U.S. Congress to pass and the President to sign the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008.

*Adopted 3/20/08. (Valentine)*

### **HR 310 – YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Youth Prison Reduction through the Opportunities, Mentoring, Support and Education Act, the Youth PROMISE Act.

*Adopted 6/17/08. (A. Smith)*

## BILLS PENDING

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### Adoption

#### **HB 4896 – BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

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.

*House passed substitute 6/27/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 7/17/08. (Wojno) (Similar to SB 592 - Olshove.)*

#### **HB 5828 – POSTHUMOUS ADOPTIONS**

Allows foster parents to complete an adoption that was in process when the child being adopted passed away suddenly.

*House passed with amendments 6/27/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 7/17/08. (Mayes)*

#### **HB 6131 – SUPPORT SUBSIDY**

Amends the Social Welfare Act to revise eligibility and payments provisions related to adoption support subsidies and adoption medical subsidies.

*House passed substitute 6/19/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 6/24/08. (A. Smith)*

#### **HB 6287 – ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Allows access to certain adoption records unless a denial is on record.

*House passed with amendments 9/10/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 9/11/08. (Wojno)*

### Children & Families

#### **SB 158 & 760 – CHILD ABUSE**

SB 158 includes in the definition of *child abuse* the commission of an act likely to cause physical harm. SB 760 revises sentencing guidelines for third-degree child abuse to reflect citation changes.

*Senate passed substitutes 3/19/08; to House Judiciary 3/19/08. (Jelinek)*

#### **SB 1418-1421 – CHILD PROTECTION**

A package of bills that requires added accountability in the handling of child protection cases and improved communi-

cation between Friend of the Court offices and the Department of Human Services in cases of child abuse or neglect.

*Senate passed all bills (HB 1418, 1420 & 1421 with substitutes) 9/16/08; to House Families & Children's Services. (Jansen, et. al.)*

#### **HB 4444 – TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS**

Increases penalties and prohibits Internet, telephone or mail-order sales of tobacco products to minors.

*House passed substitute as amended 5/14/08; to Senate Judiciary 5/15/08. (Spade)*

#### **HB 5910 – CHILD REGISTRY**

Revises the conditions limiting a request from an individual for documentation that he or she is not named as a perpetrator in the state's central registry of serious child abuse cases, and allows the person to request that the state share the information with whoever is appropriate for purposes of seeking employment.

*House passed substitute 5/1/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 5/6/08. (Dean)*

#### **HB 5984 – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

Expands the requirement for reporting child abuse or neglect to include certain employees of organizations that receive federal funding.

*House passed 4/16/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 4/22/08. (Ebli)*

#### **HB 6214-6221 – SUBSIDIZED DAY CARE**

A package of bills that establish new requirements for day care aides and relative providers.

**HB 6214** – Requires a six-month redetermination for child day care subsidies.

**HB 6215** – Requires biweekly reporting on authorization or care hours.

**HB 6216** – Requires parents and providers to complete a health and safety checklist upon the initial child care application.

**HB 6217** – Limits the number of children under the care of a day care aide or relative care provider to four, unless an exception was granted for a sibling group with a maximum of six children.

**HB 6218** – Requires a day care aide or relative care provider to maintain time and attendance records for each child in his or her care.

**HB 6219** – Requires the Department of Human Services to make orientation and training sessions available to all applicants for day care aide and relative care provider.

**HB 6220** – Provides for access to direct assistance and counseling in choosing child care and other education resources for certain individuals.

**HB 6221** – Provides for criminal background checks for day care aides and relative care providers upon enrollment.

*House passed all bills (HB 6218 & 6220 with amendments and HB 6221 with substitute as amended) 6/27/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 7/17/08. (Hopgood, et. al.)*

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## Education

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### **SB 834 – FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE**

Allows a financial literacy course as a permissible mathematics course under the Michigan merit standard for high school graduation.

*Senate passed 5/13/08; to House Education 5/13/08. (Switalski)*

### **SB 842 – BASIC LITERACY**

Requires students to show basic literacy before they can be advanced to the fourth grade.

*Senate passed substitute 6/11/08; to House Education 6/11/08. (Kuipers)*

### **SB 1252 – SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

Allows a school district to share the criminal background check required for substitute bus drivers with another school district if the bus driver gives permission.

*Introduced 4/15/08; to Education; reported favorably with amendments and referred to committee of the whole 6/12/08. (Gleason)*

### **SB 1275 – SCHOOL LITERACY**

Requires schools to provide supplemental literacy programs funded from School Aid in order to receive a full foundation allowance.

*Introduced 4/24/08; to Education; placed on general orders and referred to Appropriations 5/28/08. (Kuipers)*

### **SB 1349 & 1350 – DEAF/BLIND SCHOOLS**

Requires criminal background checks for employees at Michigan schools for the deaf and the blind, and sets sentencing guidelines for crimes of failure of an employee of deaf and blind schools to report a charge or a conviction.

*Introduced 5/28/08; to Education; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 6/12/08. (Kuipers & Whitmer)*

### **HB 4662 – MANDATORY KINDERGARTEN**

Revises the age requirement for mandatory kindergarten.

*Introduced 4/25/07; to Education; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 3/18/08. (V. Smith)*

### **HB 5083 – SCHOOL EXPENDITURES**

Provides for expenditure reporting requirements for school districts.

*Introduced 8/1/07; to Education; placed on second reading and referred to Appropriations 4/10/08. (Meltzer)*

### **HB 5084 – ISD EXPENDITURES**

Revises the expenditure reporting requirements for intermediate school districts (ISDs).

*Introduced 8/1/07; to Education; placed on second reading and referred to Appropriations 4/9/08. (Amos)*

### **HB 5323 – SPECIAL EDUCATION RULES**

Restores the authority of the State Board of Education over special education rules.

*House passed substitute 6/10/08; to Senate Education 6/12/08. (Miller)*

### **HB 5411 – PERMANENT EXPULSION**

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

*House passed substitute 4/29/08; to Senate Education 4/30/08. (Steil)*

### **HB 5832 – EXPULSION**

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

*House passed substitute 4/29/08; to Senate Education 4/30/08. (Dean)*

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## Elections/Legislative Issues

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### **SB 1087 – INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM PETITIONS**

Requires circulators of petitions placing Constitutional amendments, initiated laws, or referendums on the ballot, to live in the jurisdiction where the signatures are collected.

*Introduced 2/12/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight; referred to committee of the whole with substitute 4/22/08; referred to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform*

6/28/08; vote reconsidered and referral to committee withdrawn 7/17/08. (Jansen)

### **SJR K – INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM PETITIONS**

Requires a geographic distribution for initiative and referendum petitions.

*Introduced 2/12/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 4/22/08; referred to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 6/28/08; vote reconsidered and referral to committee withdrawn 7/17/08. (McManus)*

### **HB 5792 – PREREGISTERING VOTERS**

Allows 16 and 17 year olds to preregister to vote when they turn 18.

*House passed 5/8/08; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight 5/13/08. (Bieda) (Similar to SB 1136 – Brown.)*

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## **Employment & Economy**

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### **HB 4454 – RIGHT TO WORK STATE**

Creates the Right to Work Law to prohibit compelling an employee or prospective employee to join or financially support a union as a condition of employment.

*Introduced 3/13/07; to Labor; notice given to discharge committee 7/23/08; motion to discharge committee postponed for the day 9/9/08. (Hoogendyk) (Similar to SB 607 – Cassis.)*

### **HB 4625 – EQUAL COMPENSATION**

Prohibits an employer from failing or refusing to provide compensation equally for work of comparable value in terms of the composite skill, responsibility, effort, education or training, and working conditions because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

*House passed 4/22/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 4/23/08. (Bauer) (Similar to SB 417 – Brater.)*

### **HB 4626 – WAGE DISCRIMINATION**

Modifies the provision regarding wage discrimination based on sex.

*House passed substitute 4/22/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 4/23/08. (Brynes)*

### **HB 5780-5791 – HIRE MICHIGAN FIRST**

Amends a number of state purchasing and contracting statutes and economic development statutes 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.

*House passed (all but HB 5782 & 5784 with substitutes as amended) 5/20/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 5/21/08. (Miller, et. al.)*

### **HB 5783 – PREVAILING WAGE**

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

*House passed substitute as amended 5/20/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 5/21/08. (Ebli)*

### **HB 5913 – RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE TRUST**

Provides for a public employee retirement health care trust.

*Introduced 3/19/08; to Retiree Health Care Reforms; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 6/26/08. (Hammel)*

### **HB 5944 – HUMAN SERVICES EMPLOYEES**

Grants a full pension to some employees of the Department of Human Services Juvenile Justice Division who will be laid off under a plan to privatize a portion of the division's operations, even if they retire earlier than allowed under current law; increases the pension benefits of some of these employees with greater seniority or age, and also for certain Department of Corrections employees.

*House passed substitute 6/27/08; to Senate Appropriations 7/17/08. (Jackson) (Similar to SB 1137 – Scott.)*

### **HB 5966 – STATE EMPLOYEES**

Expands the definition of covered employees for retirement to include employees in the Department of Human Services' Bureau of Juvenile Justice.

*House passed as amended 9/9/08; to Senate Appropriations 9/10/08. (Opsommer)*

### **HB 6118 – RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

Moves the administration of legislative retirement health care benefits to the Office of Retirement.

*Introduced 5/14/08; to Retiree Health Care Reforms; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 6/5/08. (A. Smith)*

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## Health

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### **SB 957 – AUTISM RESEARCH FUND**

Establishes the Autism Research Fund in the Department of Community Health to promote research in the state relating to autism.

*Introduced 12/6/07; to Finance; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 6/10/08. (Hunter) (Similar to HB 5528 – Ball.)*

### **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; referred to Oversight & Investigations 5/27/08; motion to discharge committee approved and placed on second reading 6/3/08. (Marleau)*

### **HB 5282 & 5283 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS**

HB 5282 establishes regulations for individual health insurance policies and certificates applicable to all carriers. HB 5283 regulates Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to require nongroup coverage to comply with individual plan regulations under the Insurance Code.

*House passed (HB 5282 with substitute) 10/24/07; Senate passed substitutes 5/1/08; referred to conference committee 8/5/08. (V. Smith & Gaffney)*

### **HB 5546 – HEALTH CARE CONSOLIDATION**

Amends the Judges Retirement Act 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; referred to Oversight & Investigations and notice given to discharge committee 5/27/08; motion to discharge committee approved and placed on second reading 6/3/08. (Calley)*

### **HB 5757 – FALSE MEDICAID CLAIMS**

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

*House passed substitute 3/13/08; to Senate Judiciary 3/18/08. (Corriveau)*

### **HB 5834 – MEDICAID EXPENDITURES**

Modifies appropriations to support Medicaid expenditures for hospital services and therapy.

*House passed with amendments 6/11/08; to Senate Appropriations 6/12/08; reported by committee of the whole favorably with substitute and placed on order of third reading 6/25/08. (McDowell)*

### **HCR 62 – RETIREE HEALTH CARE**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation to change the computation of state Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAPs) of the Social Security Act by disregarding employer contributions to prefund retiree health care in calculating Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

*Introduced 12/13/07; to Retiree Health Care Reforms; reported with recommendation with substitute 1/31/08; referred to Oversight & Investigations 3/20/08. (Knollenberg)*

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## Housing

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### **HB 4657 – HOUSING FUND EXPANSION**

Revises the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund Act to allow taxpayer-subsidized grants and loans to selected organizations or companies that provide housing for low income households in "downtown areas."

*House passed substitute 4/3/08; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 5/1/08. (Tobocman)*

### **HB 5294-5297, 5299-5303 – PREDATORY LENDING & 5307-5308**

A package of bills that renames the Consumer Mortgage Protection Act as the Home Loan Protection Act and adds protections regarding high-cost home loans.

*House passed all bills with substitutes (HB 5295 & 5299 with amendments) 6/18/08; to House Banking & Financial Institutions 6/24/08. (Simpson, et. al.)*

### **HCR 78 – FORECLOSURE**

Urges the U.S. Congress to pass and the President to sign the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008.

*House adopted 3/20/08; to Senate Banking & Financial Institutions 3/25/08. (Brown)*



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## Revenues & Appropriations

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### **SB 511 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

*Senate passed substitute as amended 9/23/07; House passed substitute 11/6/07; additional Senate and House substitutes and amendments approved between 3/20/08-6/10/08; referred to conference committee 6/24/08. (Jelinek)*

### **SB 1117 – MAY 30 BUDGET TARGET**

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

*Senate passed substitute as amended 3/27/08; to House Appropriations 4/8/08. (Pappageorge)*

### **HB 5137 – STATE SPENDING DATABASE**

Creates a searchable database for all state expenditures.

*Introduced 8/23/07; to Oversight & Investigations; referred to Appropriations 4/9/08. (Hoogendyk) (Similar to SB 1441 – Kuipers.)*

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## Seniors & Adult Services

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### **HB 5669 – ADULT ABUSE COMPLAINTS**

Prohibits a magistrate from refusing to accept a criminal vulnerable adult abuse complaint because the complaint was signed by an individual other than the victim, who is acting upon information and belief that a violation occurred.

*House passed substitute 3/13/08; to Senate Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs 3/18/08. (Constan)*

### **HB 5726 – ABUSE REPORTING**

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

*House passed substitute 6/3/08; to Senate Banking & Financial Institutions 6/5/08. (Meadows)*

### **HB 6019 – NURSING HOME REPORTING**

Modifies the reporting requirements for abuse or neglect in nursing homes.

*House passed substitute 5/14/08; to Senate Families & Human Services 5/15/08. (Warren)*

### **HB 6251-6256 & 6261 – NURSING HOMES**

A package of bills that adds a number of requirements for nursing home licensees and applicants for nursing home licenses.

*Introduced 6/18/08; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation with substitutes and referred to second reading 6/25/08. (Robert Jones, et. al.)*

### **HB 6388 – NUSING HOME LICENSE HEARING**

Provides for a public hearing before a license is issued to new owners of a nursing home.

*Introduced 8/20/08; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 9/9/08. (Miller)*

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## Social Services

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### **SB 1163 – ADULT FOSTER CARE FACILITY**

Revises the definition of *adult foster care facility*.

*Senate passed substitute 6/25/08; to House Families & Children's Services 6/25/08. (Garcia)*

### **SB 1300 – RETROACTIVE BENEFIT CLAIMS**

Revises the regulations and procedures for the State's payment of certain attorney fees to a person seeking certain social security benefits in order to prohibit the payment of multiple fees for different types of claims by the same person.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Families & Human Services; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 6/12/08. (Jacobs)*

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## Taxes

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### **SB 53 – CITY FUND CONTRIBUTION**

Allows cities with income taxes to create tax checkoffs for charitable and public safety purposes.

*Senate passed substitute as amended 3/28/07; House passed substitute 8/21/07; referred to Finance 6/28/08; referral to committee withdrawn 7/17/08. (Whitmer)*

### **SB 790 – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Increases the household income cap for claiming a home-  
stead property tax credit.

*Senate passed substitute 3/27/08; to House Commerce 4/8/08. (Pappageorge)*

### **SB 791 – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Increases the homestead property tax credit.

*Senate passed substitute as amended 3/27/08; to House Commerce 4/8/08. (Van Woerkom)*

### **SB 958 – AUTISM FUND CHECKOFF**

Establishes an income tax contribution designation for the Autism Research Fund.

*Introduced 12/6/07; to Finance; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 6/10/08. (Thomas) (Similar to HB 5526 – Angerer.)*

### **SB 1065 – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

Increases the household income ceiling for the homestead property tax credit, and increases the total credit that a taxpayer may claim.

*Senate passed substitute 3/27/08; to House Commerce 4/8/08. (Cassis)*

### **SB 1353 & 1374 – ARTS FUNDING**

Creates the History, Arts and Libraries Fund and provides for an income tax check-off option for the fund.

*Senate passed substitutes 9/9/08; to House Tax Policy 9/9/08. (Pappageorge & Thomas)*

### **HB 6263 – TUITION FUND**

Provides for an income tax incentive for charitable contributions to the advance tuition payment fund.

*House passed substitute 9/11/08. (Corriveau)*

### **HB 6383 – HOME DEBT**

Excludes from 2008 taxable income, any discharge of residential indebtedness from 2005 or 2006.

*Introduced 8/20/08; to Tax Policy; notice given to discharge committee 9/3/08. (Horn)*

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## **Miscellaneous**

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### **HB 4412 – INSURANCE SCORING**

Prohibits an insurance company from using an insurance score (credit score) as a rating factor or as a basis for refusing to insure or for limiting coverage and provides for a base rate adjustment.

*House passed substitute as amended 4/22/08; to Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 4/24/08. (Melton)*

### **HB 5524 – ELECTRIC CHOICE PROGRAM**

Ends the state's electric power provider competition law that allows customers to choose an alternative provider, and restricts the ability of customers who leave an alternative provider to get the regulated rates established by the Public Service Commission.

*House passed substitute as amended 4/17/08; Senate passed substitute 6/27/08; referred to conference committee 7/24/08. (Accavitti)*

### **HB 5987 – JAIL OVERCROWDING**

Modifies the emergency overcrowding procedure to allow prisoners who have not yet been sentenced to be eligible for release on bond.

*House passed substitute as amended 6/26/08; to Senate Judiciary 6/27/08. (Hammel) (Similar to SB 1280 – Cherry.)*

## BILLS INTRODUCED

Status of bills updated through September 11, 2008.

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### Children & Families

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#### **SB 1365 – CHILD CARE**

Allows the State to permanently revoke the license or registration of a child care center if a child dies in the center and it is determined that the death was due to a licensing violation.

*Introduced 6/3/08; to Families & Human Services. (George)*

#### **SB 1411 – CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Modifies the requirements for when an investigation and recommendations are made on child custody and parenting time.

*Introduced 6/24/08; to Families & Human Services. (Van Woerkom)*

#### **SB 1423-1431 – CHILD SUPPORT**

The following bills make various changes related to child support:

**SB 1423** – Makes a number of revisions to procedures and protocols of Friend of the Court offices in the administration and oversight of court orders related to child custody disputes.

**SB 1424** – Modifies enforcement by the Friend of the Court of parenting time duties.

**SB 1425** – Amends the law that establishes conditions and procedures for grandparents to be granted “grandparenting time” with the children in child custody disputes, so that it is consistent with the revisions in the child custody law proposed by SB 1423.

**SB 1426** – Revises the procedures for the suspension and reinstatement of a driver’s license due to a child support arrearage.

**SB 1427** – Authorizes a court to order one party in a child custody, support, or parenting time dispute to pay the court fees of the other party.

**SB 1428** – Eliminates the Child Support Bench Warrant Enforcement Fund and provides for contracting of services through the State Court Administrative Office for child support.

**SB 1429** – Revises the responsibilities and duties for the collection and distribution of child support payments, which are divided between the Department of Human Services and Friend of the Court offices.

**SB 1430** – Revises the collection and distribution of child support provisions and allows the Friend of the Court to prosecute certain paternity actions.

**SB 1431** – Revises the collection and distribution of child support provisions in the Family Support Act and allows the Friend of the Court to prosecute family support actions.

*Introduced 6/26/08; to Families & Human Services. (Jansen, et. al.)*

#### **HB 6264 – PARENTAL RIGHTS**

Expands the conditions involving termination of parental rights.

*Introduced 6/19/08; to Families & Children’s Services. (Byrnes)*

#### **HB 6265 – GREAT GRANDPARENTS**

Provides for great-grandparenting time.

*Introduced 6/19/08; to Families & Children’s Services. (Espinoza)*

#### **HB 6285 – CHILD SAFETY**

Provides for certain child safety requirements for facilities that provide child care.

*Introduced 6/26/08; to Regulatory Reform. (Meekhof)*

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### Corrections

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#### **SB 1456 – WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT**

Provides compensation for individuals who have been wrongfully incarcerated.

*Introduced 9/9/08; to Judiciary. (Scott)*

#### **HB 6151 – JURY COMPOSITION**

Gives a criminal defendant in a trial held in district court the option to have a jury composed solely of residents residing within that district.

*Introduced 5/22/08; to Judiciary. (Lemmons)*

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## Education

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### **SB 1329 – COMMUNITY COLLEGE TECH DEGREES**

Allows community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees in applied technical fields.

*Introduced 5/20/08; to Education. (Switalski)*

### **SB 1384 – TEACHER RETIREMENT**

Adjusts the retirement benefits for public school employees who were on disability under specific conditions.

*Introduced 6/17/08; to Education. (Kahn)*

### **SJR N – SCHOOL ELECTIONS**

Allows 16-17 year-olds to vote in school board elections.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Switalski)*

### **SR 163 – AUTISTIC CHILDREN EDUCATION**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Teacher Education for Autistic Children Act (the TEACH Act).

*Introduced 3/25/08; to Education. (Hunter)*

### **SR 168 – BULLYING**

Encourages school districts to adopt and implement character education programs that address the causes of and remedies to bullying.

*Introduced 3/27/08; to Education. (Kuipers)*

### **HB 5911 – READING SCREENING**

Requires public schools to screen first graders within 30 days of the start of school for any reading disorders or disabilities.

*Introduced 3/19/08; to Education. (Clack)*

### **HB 5912 – HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS**

Requires parents of home-schooled children to provide documentation to public school officials.

*Introduced 3/19/08; to Education. (Clack)*

### **HB 5928 – PHYSICAL EDUCATION POLICY**

Requires the Department of Education to develop a model physical education policy, and requires school districts to adopt their own policy or the model policy.

*Introduced 3/20/08; to Education. (Proos)*

### **HB 5942 – MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH**

Provides supplemental funding for middle school mathematics pilot programs in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

*Introduced 4/8/08; to Appropriations. (Moolenaar)*  
*(Similar to SB 1255 – Switalski.)*

### **HB 5943 – DIPLOMA CURRICULUM**

Provides for a general diploma curriculum as an alternative for high school graduation.

*Introduced 4/8/08; to Education. (Sheltrown)*

### **HB 5991 – TUITION**

Prohibits state universities from charging in-state tuition rates to illegal aliens.

*Introduced 4/16/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Agema)*

### **HB 6134-6146 – FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY**

Adds a citizenship requirement in order to be eligible to receive financial aid from various government sources.

*Introduced 5/21/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Meltzer, et. al.)*

### **HB 6247 – MATH REQUIREMENTS**

Modifies high school graduation requirements regarding mathematics and personal curricula.

*Introduced 6/18/08; to Education. (Hopgood)*

### **HB 6270 – SCHOOL SERVICES PRIVATIZATION**

Prohibits the privatization of any school function if the savings are less than 10 percent compared to the cost of school employees performing the same function, and establishes requirements for school district considering privatizing a particular function.

*Introduced 6/19/08; to Education. (Bennett)*

### **HB 6273 – PUPIL INSTRUCTION**

Exempts a school from making up any hours of lost instruction time when the lost time was due to vandalism.

*Introduced 6/19/08; to Education. (Pastor)*

### **HB 6333 – TECH GRADUATES**

Provides for a student loan interest payment program for certain technology degree graduates of state universities.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Education. (Ebli)*

### **HB 6342 – SCHOOL SERVICES PRIVATIZATION**

Prohibits a public school from privatizing noninstructional services (including transportation, janitorial, and food service) unless it first performs a cost-benefit analysis of both the economic and noneconomic costs and benefits.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Labor. (Mayes)*

### **HB 6346 – FINANCIAL AID INTERNET SITE**

Requires the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority to establish an Internet website that describes the governmental financial aid programs available to state students at public or private colleges and universities.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Education. (LaJoy)*

### **HB 6375 – SCHOOL CONTRACTORS**

Revises the terms under which certain unemployment insurance benefits are paid to former school food service workers employed by a private vendor under a privatization program.

*Introduced 8/13/08; to Labor. (Wojno)*

### **HB 6413 – PROMISE GRANT**

Allows a student who did not qualify for the Michigan Merit Award college scholarship by getting a high enough grade on the state merit exam to qualify by getting an eligible score on a retake of the ACT test component of the merit exam.

*Introduced 9/9/08; to Appropriations. (Gillard)*

### **HCR 83 – GRADUATION STANDARDS**

Requests the U.S. Department of Education to allow Michigan, under certain circumstances, to use more than four years of high school education as the “standard number of years” for graduation.

*Introduced 5/8/08; to Education. (Meadows)*

### **HJR LLL – IN-STATE TUITION RATES**

Limits in-state tuition rates of state universities based on the Consumer Price Index.

*Introduced 9/10/08; to Education. (Opsommer)*

### **HR 313 – SCHOOL BUDGET**

Urges the revision of the proposed 2008 Executive Budget so that any money realized from financing of state bonds is spread among all schools on a per-pupil basis and not to a limited number of schools participating in a Small Schools Program.

*Introduced 3/20/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Horn)*

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## **Elections/Legislative Issues**

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### **SB 1299 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULINGS**

Modifies provision in the Campaign Finance Act relating to declaratory ruling requirements.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (McManus)*

### **SB 1488 – BALLOT QUESTIONS**

Modifies when ballot question committees must file campaign finance statements.

*Introduced 9/11/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (McManus)*

### **SJR O – LOBBYIST CONTROLS/TERM LIMITS**

Requires a one-year delay before a legislator or other state-elected official can become a lobbyist, deducts legislative pay for unexcused absences, and allows House and Senate members to be elected multiple times during a 14-year period.

*Introduced 6/11/08; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (McManus) (Similar to HJR HH – Amos.)*

### **HB 6004 – LAWMAKER HEALTH CARE**

Requires legislators to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care.

*Introduced 4/22/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Wenke)*

### **HB 6245 – LEGISLATOR HEALTH CO-PAY**

Requires legislators to pay 25 percent of the cost of the lifetime post-retirement health insurance policy they are granted.

*Introduced 6/17/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Wenke)*

### **HB 6398 – POLLING PLACE SPACE**

Extends to 500 feet, from 100 feet, the distance from a polling place where political activities are prohibited.

*Introduced 9/9/08; to Ethics & Elections. (Hammel)*

### **HJR EEE – LEGISLATIVE PAY/TERM LIMITS**

Establishes a legislative pay system that is based on session day attendance, and revises retiree health care benefits and term limits.

*Introduced 7/16/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Meadows)*

### **HJR FFF – TERM LIMITS**

Repeals term limits for legislators.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Cushingberry)*

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## **Employment & Economy**

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### **SB 1215 – ILLEGAL ALIEN CONTRACTOR HIRES**

Prohibits licensed contractors from hiring or continuing to employ persons not authorized to work in the United States.

*Introduced 3/18/08; to Commerce & Tourism. (Schauer)*

### **SB 1216 – ILLEGAL ALIEN HIRES**

Prohibits employers from hiring or continuing to employ a person not authorized to work in the United States.

*Introduced 3/18/08; to Commerce & Tourism. (Schauer)*

### **SB 1342 & 1343 – JOB TRAINING**

SB 1342 authorizes community colleges to provide job training programs with employees and allows the issuance of bonds. SB 1343 redirects employment withholdings from the State to certain community colleges for the new jobs training program.

*Introduced 5/27/08; to Commerce & Tourism. (Jansen)*  
(Similar to HB 6184 & 6185 – Hammel.)

### **SB 1457 – RIGHT-TO-WORK ZONES**

Allows for the creation of right-to-work zones whereby employers would be prohibited from compelling an employee or prospective employee to join or financially support a union as a condition of employment.

*Introduced 9/9/08; to Commerce & Tourism. (Cassis)*

### **SB 1483 – RENAISSANCE ZONES**

Increases the number of renaissance zones and renewal energy zones authorized in the state to 18, from 17.

*Introduced 9/10/08; to Commerce & Tourism. (Allen)*

### **HB 5914 – RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Increases the state contribution amount for the defined contribution plan.

*Introduced 3/19/08; to Retiree Health Care Reforms. (Miller)*  
(Similar to SB 1222 – Schauer.)

### **HB 6013 – JOBS TRAINING**

Creates a public works employment program in cooperation with local units of government that maximizes hiring of unemployed job seekers in the area and provides training in certain skilled trades.

*Introduced 4/24/08; to Labor. (Young)*

### **HB 6224 & 6225 – ALIENS' WORKER'S COMP.**

Prohibits workers compensation insurance benefits to an illegal alien who used fraudulent identification to obtain the job on which he or she was injured and whose employer did not know the person was an illegal alien; requires workers compensation bureau employees to report to the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service if they believe a benefits claim has been filed by an illegal alien.

*Introduced 6/5/08; to Oversight & Investigations.*  
(Rick Jones & Agema)

### **HB 6327-6332 – ILLEGAL ALIEN HIRES**

A package of bills that establish sanctions for employers that hire illegal aliens.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Angerer, et. al.)*

### **HB 6379 – EARLY OUT**

Provides an early-out retirement option for certain state and judicial employees.

*Introduced 8/13/08; to Labor. (Miller)*

### **HB 6387 – UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Requires the Michigan Employment Security Commission to provide case information to legislators acting on behalf of a constituent seeking assistance with the system.

*Introduced 8/20/08; to Labor. (Constan)*

### **HB 6389 – DHS EARLY OUT**

Grants a full pension to some employees of the Department of Human Services Child Protective Services Division who were laid off under a plan to privatize a portion of the division's operations, even if they retire earlier than allowed under current law.

*Introduced 8/20/08; to Labor. (Miller)*

### **HJR KKK – STATE PAY INCREASES**

Prohibits the State from authorizing pay increases for classes of state employees, or from implemented through collective bargaining, if the increase in General Fund revenue for the preceding fiscal year is less than the rate of inflation.

*Introduced 9/10/08; to Oversight & Investigations. (Agema)*

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## **Health**

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### **SB 1400 – DENTAL COORDINATOR**

Establishes a community dental coordinator within the Department of Community Health.

*Introduced 6/19/08; to Families & Human Services.*  
(Van Woerkom)

### **SR 160 – HEALTH CARE ACCESS**

Expresses support for bipartisan efforts to ensure access to health care and financial security for all Americans.

*Introduced 3/19/08; to Health Policy. (Schauer)*

## **HB 6060-6062 – QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The following bills pertain to quality assurance assessment fees:

**HB 6060** – Revises the amount of the quality assurance assessment collected for hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care units.

**HB 6061** – Allows the use of quality assurance assessment fees for costs related to long-term care employee background checks.

**HB 6062** – Extends the sunset for the collection of quality assurance assessment fees.

*Introduced 5/6/08; to Appropriations. (Jackson & McDowell)*

## **HB 6274 – NURSE LICENSING**

Requires the Nursing Board to publish statistics regarding examinations for nurse licensing.

*Introduced 6/24/08; to Health Policy. (Wojno)*

## **HJR WW – STATE HEALTH CARE**

Requires the Michigan Legislature to pass laws so that every Michigan resident has affordable and comprehensive health care coverage through a fair and cost-effective financing system.

*Introduced 4/10/08; to Health Policy. (Donigan)*

## **HR 307 – HEALTH CARE ACCESS**

Expresses support for bipartisan efforts to ensure access to health care and financial security for all Americans.

*Introduced 3/18/08; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Shaffer)*

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## **Housing**

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### **SB 1390 – FORECLOSURES**

Limits the expenses that must be paid by a foreclosure purchaser to redeem a mortgage.

*Introduced 6/17/08; to Banking & Financial Services. (Cassis)*

### **HB 6191 & 6192 – HOUSING TRUST FUND**

Establishes a Housing Trust Fund for the homeless and provides for county real estate transfer to finance the fund.

*Introduced 6/3/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Robert Jones)*

### **HB 6236 – MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES**

Establishes a 90-day mediation program and a 1-year moratorium for mortgage foreclosures.

*Introduced 6/12/08; to Banking & Financial Services. (Scott)*

## **HB 6321 – EVICTIONS**

Allows property managers to represent landlords in eviction proceedings.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Sheltrown)*

## **HR 354 – NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008.

*Introduced 5/8/08; to Banking & Financial Services. (Accavitti)*

## **HR 355 – HOUSING STABILIZATION**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008.

*Introduced 5/8/08; to Banking & Financial Services. (Accavitti)*

## **HR 361 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND**

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act.

*Introduced 5/13/08; to Banking & Financial Services. (Dean)*

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## **Mental Health**

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### **HB 6057 – BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Requires certain mental health facilities to incur costs related to employee background checks.

*Introduced 5/6/08; to Appropriations. (Jackson)*

### **HB 6071 & 6072 – RECIPIENT RIGHTS**

HB 6071 provides for commission recommendations on recipient rights. HB 6072 allows the state recipient rights office to examine certain facilities and events for possible violations.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Miller & Donigan)*

### **HB 6073 – POWER OF GUARDIAN**

Includes psychiatric hospitalization and mental health outpatient care under the power of a guardian.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Green)*

### **HB 6074 – RECORDS**

Provides for advance psychiatric directives and unqualified records access for the family of the deceased.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (McDowell)*

### **HB 6075 – TRACKING SYSTEM**

Establishes a standardized database and statewide reporting system to track applicants who were denied services.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Young)*

### **HB 6076 – MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE**

Separates the offices of mental illness and developmentally disabled.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Valentine)*

### **HB 6077 – CLIENT STATUS**

Provides for uniform statewide criteria for priority client status.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Meadows)*

### **HB 6078 – RECEIVERSHIP**

Authorizes the Department of Community Health to place a community mental health facility into temporary receivership and to appoint a new director.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Amos)*

### **HB 6079 – GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

Requires the Department of Community Health to establish a policy directive on local grievance procedures that all community health services programs would be required to follow, and allows a contested service decision to go before an independent clinician.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (A. Smith)*

### **HB 6080 – CONSOLIDATION PLAN**

Creates a community mental health consolidation plan.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Vagnozzi)*

### **HB 6081 – MEDICAID FAIR HEARING PROCESS**

Requires Medicaid Fair Hearing appeals involving mental health to utilize consultation from an independent clinician before a final decision is rendered by an administrative law judge.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Hammon)*

### **HB 6082 – REIMBURSED SERVICES**

Provides technical changes to the array of reimbursed services.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Ball)*

### **HB 6083 – TREATMENT ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE**

Clarifies assessment language for people needing mental health treatment.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Byrnes)*

### **HB 6084 – TREATMENT AUTHORITY**

Permits a court-appointed guardian with authority for medical decisions to consent to a medically recommended psychiatric hospitalization of the ward.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Health Policy. (Rick Jones)*

### **HB 6248 – STATEWIDE FUND**

Requires a community mental health services program to share the costs or risks, or both, of managing and providing publicly funded mental health services with other community mental health services programs through risk pooling arrangements, reinsurance agreements, or other joint or cooperative arrangements.

*Introduced 6/18/08; to Health Policy. (McDowell)*

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## **Revenues & Appropriations**

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### **HB 5929 – BUDGET/TAX WAITING PERIOD**

Provides for a 72-hour waiting period and publication before the Legislature may vote on appropriations or revenue bills.

*Introduced 3/20/08; to Appropriations. (Sheen)*

### **HB 6001 – REVENUE SHARING**

Provides for increased statutory revenue sharing distribution for certain cities under certain circumstances.

*Introduced 4/17/08; to Appropriations. (Pastor)*

### **HB 6111 – PRIVATIZED STATE SERVICES**

Requires detailed cost-benefit analysis of proposals to privatize services performed by state employees.

*Introduced 5/13/08; to Appropriations. (Miller)*

### **HB 6244 – RAINY DAY FUND**

Requires any unencumbered money left over in a state department budget at the end of the year to be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Fund (the "Rainy Day" fund).

*Introduced 6/17/08; to Appropriations. (Schuitmaker)*

### **HJR CCC – SCHOOL AID BUDGET**

Requires that the School Aid budget be presented to the Governor by June 15.

*Introduced 5/22/08; to Appropriations. (Sak)*

### **HJR TT – BUDGET SPENDING**

Establishes a per capita revenue limit for state spending based on estimated population with adjustments for the general price level from the preceding fiscal year.

*Introduced 4/9/08; to Appropriations. (Meltzer)*



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## Seniors & Adult Services

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### **SB 1288, 1289, 1292-1296 – VULNERABLE ADULTS**

A package of bills that provide additional protections for vulnerable adults and increase penalties for crimes against vulnerable adults.

**SB 1288 & 1289** – Increases penalties for the financial exploitation of vulnerable adults and sets sentencing guidelines.

**SB 1290 & 1291** – Provides penalties for obtaining a signature by fraud and amends sentencing guidelines.

**SB 1292** – Allows testimony by a vulnerable adult to be made in civil procedures through videotape or closed-circuit television.

**SB 1293** – Provides for the forfeiture of an inheritance by an individual who abuses, neglects, or steals from a vulnerable adult.

**SB 1294** – Increases penalties for crimes against vulnerable adults.

**SB 1295 & 1296** – Increases penalties and amends sentencing guidelines for certain violations that result in the death of a resident in an unlicensed care facility and for retaliating against a resident vulnerable adult who interferes with an adult care facility investigation.

*Introduced 5/7/08; to Government Operations & Reform. (Barcia, et. al.)*

### **SB 1439 – NURSING HOME HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Requires the Department of Community Health to convene an advisory committee to develop a pilot program to implement clinical process guidelines in nursing homes that are designed to prevent preventable hospitalizations from nursing homes.

*Introduced 6/27/08; to Health Policy. (Richardville)*

### **HB 6056 – NURSING HOME BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Requires health facilities and agencies to incur costs for employee background checks.

*Introduced 5/6/08; to Appropriations. (Johnson)*

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## Social Services

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### **HB 5930 – WELFARE VOUCHERS**

Requires that all welfare services relating to appointed attorneys, psychologists, psychiatrists, or counseling be provided by a voucher system in which welfare recipients

would be given a voucher for these services and could choose their own provider.

*Introduced 3/20/08; to Families & Children's Services. (Sheen)*

### **HB 5931 – WELFARE WORKER IMMUNITY**

Prohibits immunity for human services employees.

*Introduced 3/20/08; to Judiciary. (Sheen)*

### **HB 5933 – STATE DATA**

Allows the use of public assistance data to be cross-referenced with certain state employment tax data.

*Introduced 4/8/08; to Families & Children's Services. (LeBlanc)*

### **HB 5980 – CASH ASSISTANCE**

Allows recipients to repay money received for certain assistance benefits and provides for other assistance and truancy amendments.

*Introduced 4/10/08; to Families & Children's Services. (Horn)*

### **HB 6058 – ADULT FOSTER CARE**

Eliminates reference in the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act to funding employee background checks from the expired background check pilot program.

*Introduced 5/6/08; to Appropriations. (Johnson)*

### **HB 6089 – FOSTER CARE TRUST FUND**

Creates the Foster Care Trust Fund in the Department of Management and Budget.

*Introduced 5/8/08; to Families & Children's Services. (DeRoche)*

### **HB 6233 – FOSTER CARE - MEDICAL**

Allows foster parents to authorize nonemergency medical procedures for foster children.

*Introduced 6/10/08; to Families & Children's Services. (Spade)*

### **HB 6374 – FOOD STAMP FRAUD**

Authorizes a civil fine against merchants who commit Food Stamp fraud.

*Introduced 8/13/08; to Families & Children's Services. (Bieda)*

### **HR 414 – ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Urges the President and U.S. Congress to boost federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in anticipation of high heating costs this winter.

*Introduced 9/3/08; to Energy & Technology. (Brown)*

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## **Taxes**

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### **SB 1230 – BUSINESS TAX**

Allows for a reduction of the business tax rate.

*Introduced 3/20/08; to Finance. (Gilbert)*

### **SB 1232 – SENIOR HOME TAXES**

Exempts from property tax the increase in taxable value of a home purchased by an eligible senior citizen.

*Introduced 3/25/08; to Finance. (Jacobs)*

### **SB 1242 – MBT SURCHARGE PHASE-OUT**

Provides for a three-year phase-out of the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) surcharge.

*Introduced 3/27/08; to Finance. (Jansen)*

### **SB 1264 – BUSINESS TAX**

Increases the credit amount for capital expenditures.

*Introduced 4/17/08; to Finance. (Richardville)*

### **SB 1271 – HOMESTEAD CREDIT LIMIT**

Increases from \$1,200 to \$1,400 the maximum value of the homestead property tax credit that a person whose household income is less than \$50,000 can claim on his or her state income tax.

*Introduced 4/22/08; to Finance. (Hunter)*

### **SB 1273 – HOME CARE CREDIT**

Provides an income tax credit for persons caring for a parent in their home.

*Introduced 4/22/08; to Finance. (Olshove)*

### **SB 1359 – SECOND HOME TAX**

Provides for a school property tax exemption for a second-residence.

*Introduced 5/28/08; to Finance. (Kahn)*

### **SB 1360 – SECOND HOME TAX**

Provides for an exemption from the State Education Tax of secondary homes.

*Introduced 5/28/08; to Finance. (Kahn)*

### **SB 1416 – HABITAT HOME ASSESSMENT**

Provides for property assessment of Habitat for Humanity homes at the sale price.

*Introduced 6/26/08; to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform. (Jelinek)*

### **SB 1440 – DEPRECIATION DECOUPLING**

Exempts the gain to businesses from the accelerated capital equipment depreciation allowed under the 2008 federal “stimulus” program from the basis on which the income tax component of the Michigan Business Tax is calculated.

*Introduced 6/28/08; to Finance. (Cassis)*

### **SB 1479 – SCHOOL FUND CHECKOFF**

Provides an income tax checkoff option for contributions to the School Aid Fund that pays for statewide public school operations.

*Introduced 9/10/08; to Finance. (Cassis)*

### **SB 1480 & 1481 – HIGHER EDUCATION FUND**

HB 1480 establishes the Michigan Higher Education Fund to supplement state appropriations to state colleges and universities. HB 1481 provides an income tax checkoff to finance the new fund.

*Introduced 9/10/08; to Finance. (Cassis)*

### **SB 1482 – GENERAL FUND CHECKOFF**

Provides an income tax checkoff option for contributions to the General Fund that pays for general state government operations.

*Introduced 9/10/08; to Finance. (Cassis)*

### **SB 1491 – SENIOR HOUSING**

Provides a tax credit for senior housing when the property is rehabilitated by a limited dividend housing corporation.

*Introduced 9/11/08; to Finance. (Jansen) (Similar to HB 6283 – Stakoe.)*

### **HB 5937 – GROSS RECEIPTS**

Excludes sales tax from Michigan Business Tax gross receipts definition.

*Introduced 4/8/08; to Tax Policy. (Mayes)*

### **HB 5945 – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

Provides for an income tax deduction for losses associated with the sale of a taxpayer’s homestead.

*Introduced 4/8/08; to Tax Policy. (Knollenberg)*

### **HB 5989 – INCOME TAX CUT**

Provides for an income tax rate reduction.

*Introduced 4/15/08; to Tax Policy. (Pavlov)*

### **HB 6018 – CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Provides an income tax credit for charitable contributions made to the state general fund.

*Introduced 4/24/08; to Tax Policy. (Steil)*

### **HB 6025 & 6026 – UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

HB 6025 creates a new act to establish the United Way Fund in the Department of Treasury. HB 6026 provides an income tax checkoff option for contributions to the fund.

*Introduced 4/30/08; to Tax Policy. (Rick Jones)* (Similar to SB 1314 – Gilbert & SB 1287 – Switalski, respectively.)

### **HB 6090 – FOSTER CARE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Provides for a Foster Care Trust Fund checkoff option.

*Introduced 5/8/08; to Families & Children's Services. (Spade)*

### **HB 6132 – SALES TAX ON GAS**

Exempts the collection of sales tax on gas for a certain period.

*Introduced 5/21/08; to Tax Policy. (Rick Jones)*

### **HB 6153 – BUSINESS TAX CREDITS**

Eliminates the exclusion of insurance companies and financial institutions from eligibility of all Michigan Business Tax credits.

*Introduced 5/22/08; to Tax Policy. (Opsommer)*

### **HB 6156 – LEAD ABATEMENT**

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

*Introduced 5/22/08; to Health Policy. (Sak)*

### **HB 6162-6171 – POVERTY EXEMPTIONS**

A package of bills that amends various sections of the General Property Tax Act to revise protocols concerning property tax "poverty" exemptions, foreclosures on tax-delinquent property by governmental units, and property tax notices.

*Introduced 5/22/08; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs. (Tobocman, et. al.)*

### **HB 6193 & 6194 – CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK**

HB 6193 creates the Children's Miracle Network Fund to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals located in Michigan in providing life-saving pediatric care, education, and research. HB 6194 provides for income tax checkoff contribution designations for the Children's Miracle Network fund, the Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Fund, and the Ultrasound Equipment Fund.

*Introduced 6/3/08; to Tax Policy. (Pastor)*

### **HB 6204 – RENAISSANCE ZONE**

Changes the calculations of tax credits for businesses located within a renaissance zone.

*Introduced 6/5/08; to Appropriations. (Bieda)*  
(Similar to SB 1377 – Schauer.)

### **HB 6235 – HOME TAX CREDIT INCREASE**

Increases the homestead property tax credit.

*Introduced 6/11/08; to Tax Policy. (Corriveau)*

### **HB 6240 – BUSINESS SURCHARGE REPEAL**

Repeals the Business Tax surcharge retroactively to January 1, 2008.

*Introduced 6/17/08; to Tax Policy. (Stakoe)*

### **HB 6359 – CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Provides for an income tax credit for charitable contributions to an educational foundation.

*Introduced 7/23/08; to Tax Policy. (Meisner)*

### **HB 6373 – CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Provides a business tax credit for charitable contributions to certain cultural institutions that support symphonic and operatic arts.

*Introduced 8/13/08; to Tax Policy. (Bieda)*

### **HB 6392 – INCOME TAX PAYMENTS**

Allows the use of credit cards as a payment option for state income taxes.

*Introduced 9/3/08; to Tax Policy. (Hansen)*

### **HJR AAA – GRADUATED INCOME TAX**

Provides for a graduated state income tax rate.

*Introduced 4/24/08; to Tax Policy. (Miller)*

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## **Miscellaneous**

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### **SB 1251 – SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMISSION**

Revises provisions dealing with the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs.

*Introduced 4/15/08; to Local, Urban & State Affairs. (Garcia)*

### **SB 1434 – DRIVER'S LICENSE FEE WAIVER**

Waives the driver license application fee for individuals whose income is below 125 percent of the poverty level.

*Introduced 6/27/08; to Transportation. (Scott)*

**SB 1435 – FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Waives the charge for a certified copy of a birth certificate for individuals whose income is below 125 percent of the poverty level.

*Introduced 6/27/08; to Transportation. (Clarke)*

**SB 1436 – FREE ID CARDS**

Waives the charge for a state identification card for individuals whose income is below 125 percent of the poverty level.

*Introduced 6/27/08; to Transportation. (Brater)*

**HB 6288 – FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Requires the proper state or county authority to issue a homeless person a certified copy of his or her birth record at no charge.

*Introduced 6/26/08; to Health Policy. (Scott)*

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