

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW & RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Status of bills updated through October 12, 2009.

Public Acts

PA 24 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Contains appropriation reductions to the Judiciary and the Legislature, including the Legislative Auditor General to address a portion of the projected Fiscal Year 2008-2009 GF/GP budget deficit.

Signed 5/12/09; immediate effect. (HB 4309)

PA 38 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to the Departments of Education; Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth; and Military and Veterans Affairs. The appropriations would be funded primarily with federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and would be available to the departments for expenditure until September 2012.

Signed 6/9/09; immediate effect. (HB 4308)

PA 57 – CHILD CAR SEATS

Requires that a child restraint system for a child under four years of age be positioned in the rear seat if the vehicle has a rear seat, and removes the nursing child exemption.

Signed 6/25/09; immediate effect. (HB 4450)

PA 64 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Signed 7/1/09; immediate effect. (HB 4310)

PA 66 & 67 – REFUND LOANS

Creates two new acts to require providers of tax refund anticipation loans to disclose certain information to customers,

before an application for a refund anticipation loan was completed and prior to entering into a loan agreement, to prohibit certain conduct on the part of a person who facilitated a refund anticipation loan and to make a violation a criminal offense; creates a right of rescission for a borrower who has a change of mind, and restricts municipalities from limiting the act's applicability.

Signed 7/9/09; immediate effect. (HB 4166 & 4607)

PA 73 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

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

Signed 7/9/09; immediate effect. (HB 4721)

PA 79 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Signed 8/31/09; immediate effect. (SB 334)

PA 87 & 88 – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

PA 87 establishes financial management regulations for charitable organizations, including good faith and prudent person standards for managers. PA 88 revises the Non-profit Corporation Act to conform to the management regulations for charitable organizations proposed by PA 87.

Signed 9/10/09; immediate effect. (SB 411 & 412)

PA 103 – MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS

Repeals the sunset on a law that allows a community mental health program to carry forward unspent funds equal to at least 5 percent of the state portion of its annual operating budget from one year's budget into the next.

Signed 9/30/09; immediate effect. (HB 5126)

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PA 104 – CONTINUATION BUDGET

Sets a continuation budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 9/30/09; immediate effect. (SB 831)

PA 106 – SCHOOL AID DISTRIBUTION

Reduces the amount of Michigan Business Tax revenue earmarked to the School Aid Fund (SAF) to offset new revenue the SAF will begin receiving in FY 2008-09 from the new use tax on medical services provided by Medicaid managed care organizations.

Signed 10/1/09; immediate effect. (SB 480)

PA 107 – ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION

Enables eligible prisoners to continue to participate in the Special Alternative Incarceration program, otherwise known as the “boot camp program.”

Signed 10/1/09; immediate effect. (HB 5311)

PA 111 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for community colleges for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 10/8/09; immediate effect. (HB 4435)

PA 114 – CORRECTIONS BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Corrections for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 10/12/09 w/line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 4437)

PA 115 – EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Signed 10/12/09; immediate effect. (HB 4438)

Resolutions Adopted

SR 59 – UNEMPLOYMENT TAX INCREASE

Urges the U.S. Congress to authorize the use of federal stimulus dollars to offset the federal unemployment tax increase.

Adopted 6/25/09. (Jansen)

SR 60 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Urges the U.S. Congress to remove the requirement that states make changes to expand unemployment benefits to individuals not now eligible.

Adopted 6/25/09. (Sanborn)

SR 71 – DIVERSITY RECOGNITION

Applauds AT&T Michigan for its recognition of being named one of the 40 Best Companies for Diversity by *Black Enterprise* magazine.

Adopted 8/18/09. (Thomas)

BILLS PENDING

Status of bills updated through September 30, 2009.

Children & Families

HB 4169 – CHILD PLACEMENT

Requires the parents of a child who government authorities are considering removing from the home and placing in foster care to give the Department of Human Services the names and addresses of any relatives of the child.

House passed substitute 5/7/09; to Senate Families & Human Services 5/12/09. (Dean)

HB 4763-4769 – CHILDREN’S SAFE PRODUCTS ACT

A seven-bill package amending the Public Health Code to create the “Children’s Safe Products Act”:

HB 4763 – Gives the Department of Community Health the power to prohibit the sale of children’s products containing what it deems to be potentially harmful chemicals under a general definition proposed by HB 4764.

HB 4764 – Establishes a general definition of potentially harmful chemicals contained in children’s products.

HB 4765 – Authorizes the Departments of Community Health and Environmental Quality the power to determine which substances meet the definition proposed by HB 4764 of potentially harmful chemicals contained in children’s products.

HB 4766 – Requires manufacturers of products containing chemicals contained in children’s products that are deemed

to be harmful by the Departments of Community Health and Environmental Quality to submit detailed reports to the state regarding the products and the chemicals in them.

HB 4767 – Authorizes the Departments of Community Health and Environmental Quality to participate in a multi-state clearinghouse to promote safer alternatives to potentially harmful chemicals contained in children's products.

HB 4768 – Requires the Departments of Community Health and Environmental Quality to submit a report to the Legislature every two years on which substances they have determined meet the definition of potentially harmful chemicals contained in children's products proposed by HB 4764.

HB 4769 – Authorizes the Department of Community Health to initiate enforcement actions upon violation and to call on the Attorney General to initiate injunction proceedings to prohibit the sale of a particular product in Michigan.

House passed all bills (HB 4764-4767 & 4769 with substitutes); to Senate Health Policy 5/14/09. (Nerat, et. al.)

HB 5250 – CHILD CARE

Provides for certain child safety requirements for facilities that provide child care, including a viewing window to allow observation of children in a nursery or playroom.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Regulatory Reform; reassigned to Families & Children's Services 8/26/09. (Meekhof)

Economic Development

SB 323 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

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

Senate passed 3/19/09; to House Commerce 3/19/09; referred to second reading 9/17/09. (Pappageorge)

HB 4723 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Authorizes the creation of a border crossing renaissance zone.

House passed substitute 6/3/09; to Senate Transportation 6/4/09. (Espinoza)

HB 4986 – NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES

Revises eligibility for neighborhood enterprise zones for certain residents.

Introduced 5/26/09; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation for referral to Commerce 6/17/09. (Young)

Education

SB 634 – SCHOOL INTERVENTION

Requires the Department of Education, by January 1, 2010, to develop or adopt a model early intervention program for kindergarten to third grade students who might otherwise enter special education programs.

Senate passed substitute 9/23/09; to House Education 9/23/09. (Cassis)

SB 636-639 – NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SB 636 – Authorizes the creation of "neighborhood public schools" that would be run by parents and teachers under contract to a sponsor.

SB 637 – Amends the School Aid Act to provide funding for neighborhood public schools.

SB 638 – Exempts neighborhood public schools from teacher tenure law provisions.

SB 639 – Provides for neighborhood public schools in the Employment Relations Act.

Introduced 6/11/09; to Education; reported favorably without amendment (SB 637 with substitute) and referred to committee of the whole 9/9/09. (Kuipers, et. al.)

SB 698 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Permits a pupil to meet the Algebra II requirement of the Michigan Merit Standard by completing an approved career and technical education program that has embedded math content.

Senate passed as amended 8/19/09; to House Education 8/19/09. (Kuipers)

HB 4410 – DIPLOMA CURRICULUM

Authorizes an alternative public high school "general diploma" with reduced curriculum requirements from those currently required.

House passed substitute as amended 9/2/09; to Senate Education 9/9/09. (Sheltrown)

HB 4511 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Allows a student's teacher or counselor, with approval from the parent or guardian, to request a less rigorous "personal curriculum" for the student that modifies certain of the Michigan merit standard requirements.

House passed substitute 8/26/09; to Senate Education 8/27/09. (Geiss)

HB 4644 & 4645 – TRUANCY/DRIVER'S LICENSE

HB 4644 prohibits a high school student who has been cited for persistent and willful truancy from getting a driver's license for six months following the citation, or suspends their license if they already have one. HB 4645 requires the family division of the circuit court to notify the Secretary of State of a truancy disposition.

Introduced 3/19/09; to Transportation; reported with recommendation for referral to Education 5/7/09. (Johnson)

HB 4787-4789 – FAILING SCHOOLS

A package of bills to aid schools that have failed to meet performance standards for four years in a row.

HB 4787 – Authorizes the conversion of failing public schools into "turnaround schools," which would be charter schools managed by a private charter school management company with a successful record.

HB 4788 – Provides for changes in the Collective Bargaining Act to allow more flexibility in failing schools.

HB 4789 – Authorizes state funding for a failing school that has been converted into a "turnaround school" (charter school), under the same terms as apply to regular charter schools.

House passed substitutes (HB 4787 with amendments) 6/25/09; to Senate Education 7/15/09. (Melton & Johnson)

HB 5298 & 5299 – FOSTER CARE YOUTH

Requires a school district to allow a child placed in foster care to attend the appropriate grade in the school in which he or she is placed, regardless of whether the child is residing in that school district.

House passed 9/10/09; to Senate Education 9/15/09. (Valentine & Kurtz)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 113 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINTS

Modifies the provision relating to campaign finance complaints.

Senate passed substitute as amended 5/19/09; to House Ethics & Elections 5/19/09. (McManus)

HB 4097 & 4367 – ABSENTEE VOTING

Eliminates the requirement that a person give a specific reason for requesting an absentee ballot, and allows registered voters to apply for and deliver their absentee ballot applications by mail, fax, electronic mail, or in person.

HB 4097 was introduced 1/22/09; to Ethics & Elections; reported with recommendation with substitute and re-referred to Ethics & Elections 5/5/09. House passed HB 4367 with substitute 4/30/09; to Senate Government Operations & Reform 5/6/09. (Stanley & Griffin) (Similar to SB 97 – Brater.)

HB 4261 & 4337 – VOTER PREREGISTRATION

Allows young people to preregister to vote beginning at age 16 when they apply for a driver's license.

House passed substitutes 5/14/09; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight 5/19/09. (Liss & Robert Jones)

Employment & Economy

SB 25 – YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Revises the maximum number of hours that minors age 16 and 17 who are in school can work.

Senate passed 5/12/09; to House Labor 5/12/09. (Stamas)

SB 290, 293, 295, 539 & – HIRE MICHIGAN FIRST HB 4083, 4089, 4092-94

A package of bills that amends various statutes to (1) establish preferences or requirements for the hiring of Michigan residents or individuals who planned to become Michigan residents, in various economic development and tax incentive programs; (2) prohibits the use of certain financing, tax breaks, or assistance unless the applicant stated in writing that it would not hire or contract for individuals who were not authorized under Federal law to work in the United States; and (3) requires the reporting of information relating to the hiring of Michigan residents and exemptions from the hiring of Michigan residents.

Senate passed substitutes for SB 290, 293 & 295 (SB 290 with amendments) 6/18/09; House passed substitutes for all three bills 6/18/09. Senate passed substitute as amended for SB 539 5/12/09; to House Commerce 5/12/09; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 6/10/09. House passed all house bills (HB 4092 & 4094 with substitutes as amended) 3/12/09; Senate passed substitutes 5/7/09. (Sen. Jacobs & Rep. Miller, et. al.)

SB 502 – PREVAILING WAGE

Sets requirements for prevailing wage compliance on state contracts.

Senate passed substitute 5/7/09; to House Commerce 5/7/09. (Allen)

HB 4467 – WORKER FREEDOM

Prohibits an employer from requiring its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication if the primary purpose is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious or political matters, except as necessary to comply with another law.

House passed 6/24/09; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 6/25/09. (Meadows)

HB 4785 & 4786 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

HB 4785 provides extended benefits to individuals who exhaust regular benefits and are enrolled in an approved job training program. HB 4786 provides unemployment benefits to individuals who are available for, and seeking, only part-time work.

House passed substitutes 5/6/09; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 5/7/09. (Hammel & Johnson) (Similar to SB 444 & 445 – Cherry & Hunter.)

HB 5197 – EARLY OUT

Authorizes early retirement benefits for certain corrections employees who retire between August 1 and November 30, 2009.

Introduced 7/14/09; to Labor; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 8/26/09. (McDowell)

Energy & Utilities

HB 4384-4392, 4649, 4650 – UTILITY PACKAGE 4655-4662 & 4673

A 19-bill package that requires additional regulations of utility providers and provides protections for utility customers:

HB 4384-4392 – Requires utilities to comply with restrictions and regulations promulgated by the Michigan Public Service Commission on shutting off the service of a customer who has not paid his or her bills.

HB 4649 – Revises details in the law that requires the Department of Human Services to notify utilities serving individuals on public assistance who are eligible for heating subsidies, to allow this information to be given to any energy "provider utility," not just ones regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

HB 4650 – Requires the Department of Human Services to operate an electronic payment process with participating provider utilities.

HB 4655 & 4656 – Requires municipal utilities to notify the MPSC of any service shutoff that results in injury or death,

and allows the Attorney General and municipal utility customers to bring civil enforcement actions against municipal utilities.

HB 4657 – Gives the MPSC the duty of recommending policies that would reduce barriers to senior or low-income utility customers receiving state subsidies.

HB 4658 & 4661 – Requires municipally-owned electric and natural gas providers to make efforts to determine which customers are senior citizens.

HB 4659 – Establishes the conditions under which a municipally-owned electric or natural gas utility could shutoff service.

HB 4660 – Requires utilities to give customers an opportunity to identify a third party who should be notified if the customer's service is shutoff for nonpayment of bills.

HB 4662 – Requires utilities to include information regarding assistance programs in shutoff notices sent to customers who have not paid their bills, as well as in regular communications to customers.

HB 4673 – Requires municipally-owned utilities to comply with MPSC rules regarding shutoff procedures.

House passed substitutes for all bills 3/31/09; to Senate Energy Policy & Public Utilities 4/2/09. HB 4649 & 4650 were reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 9/21/09. (Scripps, et. al.) (Senate bills that are similar to some of the above include SB 320, 326-331, 337-339 – Jacobs, et. al.)

Health

SB 689 – PRESCRIPTIONS

Allows a Schedule 2 controlled substance prescription to be filled up to 90, rather than 60, days after it was issued.

Senate passed substitute 9/17/09; to House Health Policy 9/17/09. (George) (Similar to HB 5410 – Angerer.)

HB 4183 & 4476 – AUTISM TREATMENT

Requires health insurers to include in all their health care insurance policies coverage for treatments related to autism, without requiring any dollar limit, deductible or co-pay for these that does not apply to other disorders.

House passed substitutes as amended 6/24/09; to Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 6/25/09. (Ball & Angerer) (Similar to SB 739 & 740 – Hunter & Thomas.)

HB 5234 & 5235 – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT

HB 5234 prohibits the use of genetic information in denying or pricing Medicare supplement policies. HB 5235 modifies Medicare supplement policies.

House passed 9/15/09 (HB 5235 with substitute); to Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 9/16/09. (Byrum)

HB 5307 – SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY

Eliminates the single point of entry services for long-term care.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Families & Children's Services; re-assigned to Appropriations 9/9/09; notice given to discharge committee 9/24/09. (Cushingberry)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 95 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides multi-department supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Senate passed substitute 8/27/09; House passed substitute 9/17/09. (Jelinek)

SB 243 – DELEG BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Senate passed substitute 4/1/09; House passed substitute as amended 6/23/09. (Jansen)

SB 248 – HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Senate passed substitute 6/18/09; House passed substitute as amended 6/25/09. (Hardiman)

SB 252 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides appropriations for multi-section School Aid for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Senate passed substitute 9/25/09; House passed substitute 9/30/09. (Jelinek)

SCR 13 & SR 62 – FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING

Urges the U.S. Congress to provide for waivers from the requirements attached to stimulus funding that would hamper the state's efforts to meet its constitutional obligation to balance future budgets.

Senate adopted 6/16/09; to House Government Operations 6/17/09. (Bishop)

SCR 21 – BUDGET TARGET DEADLINE

Requires the Senate and House of Representatives to each adopt budget targets by June 1 based on revenue projections from the most recent revenue estimating conference,

and requires that revenue solutions be specified if the proposed budget expenditures exceed expected revenues.

Senate adopted 9/16/09; to House Appropriations 9/17/09. (George)

HB 4311 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

House passed substitute 9/2/09; to Senate Appropriations 9/9/09. (Cushingberry)

HB 4436 – COMMUNITY HEALTH BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Community Health for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

House passed substitute as amended 4/22/09; Senate passed substitute as amended 6/24/09. (McDowell)

HB 4441 – HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for state institutions of higher education for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

House passed substitute 4/2/09; Senate passed substitute as amended 6/23/09. (Bauer)

HB 4447 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the School Aid for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

House passed substitute as amended 4/2/09; Senate passed substitute as amended 6/24/09. (T. Brown)

HB 5251 & 5252 – COUNTY REVENUE SHARING

Modifies the revenue sharing payment formula for certain counties, and eliminates the annual inflation adjustment as an expenditure from the county revenue sharing reserve fund.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Appropriations; notice given to discharge committee 9/24/09. (Hammel)

HB 5403 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides multi-department supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

House passed substitute as amended 9/30/09. (Cushingberry)

Seniors & Adult Services

HB 4621 – VULNERABLE ADULT TESTIMONY

Allows videotape or closed-circuit television testimony of a vulnerable adult in cases involving financial exploitation or embezzlement of a vulnerable adult's assets.

Introduced 3/18/09; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 8/19/09. (Slavens)

HB 4618, 4620, 4626, – VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE 4727, 4971 & 5011

HB 4618 & 4727 – Increases the penalties for the crime of committing or attempting financial exploitation or embezzlement of a vulnerable adult's assets and establishes sentencing guidelines.

HB 4620 & 4626 – Revises the penalties for fraudulently obtaining another person's signature with the intention of cheating or defrauding the person and establishes sentencing guidelines.

HB 5011 – Prohibits a magistrate from refusing to accept a complaint alleging a crime had been committed against a vulnerable adult on the grounds that the complaint was signed by a person other than the victim, who is acting upon information and belief that a violation occurred.

House passed 8/26/09; to Senate Judiciary 8/27/09. (Huckleberry, et. al.)

HB 5187-5196 – VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE

HB 5187 – Requires mandatory reporting by financial institutions of suspected financial exploitation of an incapacitated or vulnerable adult.

HB 5188 – Requires an individual granted power of attorney for an incapacitated adult to sign a statement acknowledging the obligation.

HB 5189 – Allows county medical examiners to establish elder death review teams to investigate suspicious deaths in nursing homes.

HB 5190 – Provides for a senior medical alert program to assist in resolving reported cases of missing persons over age 60 who are believed to be unable to return home without assistance.

HB 5191 – Requires a nursing home employee who becomes aware of patient mistreatment, abuse or neglect to not only report the incident to the nursing home administrator, but also to the Department of Community Health.

HB 5192 – Requires a bond to be posted by a conservator appointed to protect the assets of a minor or an incapacitated individual if the protected individual has liquid assets over a certain limit.

HB 5193 – Expands the definition of abuse of a vulnerable adult to include financial exploitation.

HB 5194 – Prohibits a conservator appointed by a court to take care of an incapacitated individual's assets from

mortgaging, borrowing against, or placing lien on the home of the protected individual without approval from the court.

HB 5195 – Provides for forfeiture and revocation of benefits for individuals who abused, neglected, or exploited a decedent.

All bills were Introduced 7/14/09; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement or Judiciary. HB 5190 was reported with recommendation without amendment and referred to second reading 9/9/09. (Neumann, et. al.)

HB 5210 – VULNERABLE ADULTS

Requires county prosecutors and social service departments to develop protocols for interviews and investigations of abuse and neglect involving vulnerable adults.

Introduced 7/16/09; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 8/19/09. (Slavens)

Taxes

SB 141 & 282 – PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION

Allow a property owner to retain an exemption for property previously exempt as his or her principal residence if the owner were absent from the residence while under the care of a relative or were residing in a nursing home, home for the aged, or other specified facility.

Senate passed substitutes 5/13/09; to House Tax Policy 5/13/09. (Sanborn & Olshove)

SB 367 – PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION

Defines "assisted living facility" as a licensed adult foster care facility or home for the aged.

Introduced 3/12/09; to Finance; referred to committee of the whole 4/21/09; referred back to Finance 5/19/09.

SB 798 – INCOME TAX INCREASE

Increases the state income tax from 4.35 percent to 4.8 percent.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Finance; discharge committee approved, placed on immediate passage, roll call defeated 9/30/09. (Gleason)

HB 4514 – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

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

House passed substitute 3/18/09; to Senate Finance 3/19/09; referred to committee of the whole 6/9/09. (Lahti)

HB 4805 – NEW BUSINESS HEALTH BENEFITS

Provides an income tax credit for new businesses for premiums paid for health benefit plans.

Introduced 4/21/09; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation for referral to Commerce 6/17/09. (Miller)

HB 5247-5249 – FILM CREDITS REPEALED

Sunsets strategic fund incentives for the film production industry, and eliminates income tax credits and Michigan Business Tax credits for film production companies that were eligible for the subsidies.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Families & Children's Services; reassigned to Commerce 8/20/09. (Amash, et. al.)

HB 5376 – PROMISE GRANTS

Provides an income tax credit for adjustments made to awards under the Michigan Promise Grant Act.

Introduced 9/16/09; to Tax Policy; notice given to discharge committee 9/25/09. (Horn)

Miscellaneous

SB 215 – SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMISSION NAME

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

Senate passed substitute 8/19/09; to House Government Operations 8/19/09. (Garcia)

SB 321 – CMH NONPROFIT ENTITY

Allows a community mental health (CMH) services authority to authorize the formation of a nonprofit entity to provide information technology and other integral administrative support services for organizations engaged in providing mental and behavioral health services, social services, substance abuse services, human services, or other health care services.

Senate passed substitute 5/13/09; to House Health Policy 5/13/09. (Kahn)

HB 4322 – CORRECTIONS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Establishes penalties for a criminal who falsifies documentation related to performing community service that has been ordered as a condition of probation.

House passed substitute 6/10/09; to Senate Judiciary 6/11/09. (Spade)

HB 4801 – RENTAL MOBILE HOMES

Expands the rental home inspection program to cover rented mobile homes.

Introduced 4/21/09; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 6/16/09. (Constan)

HB 5020 – INSURANCE DEALING

Requires an insurance company obligated to pay benefits or claims under a property and casualty insurance policy to deal fairly and in good faith with individuals claiming benefits.

House passed substitute 8/19/09; to Senate Economic Development & Regulatory Reform 8/26/09. (Valentine)

BILLS INTRODUCED

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Adoption

SB 686 – UNLAWFUL ADOPTIONS

Changes the sentencing guidelines for the unlawful adoption of a child.

Introduced 7/15/09; to Judiciary. (George)

SB 727 – IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Prohibits the release of identifying information from the central adoption registry about parents whose parental rights were terminated unless that parent has consented to the release.

Introduced 8/5/09; to Families & Human Services. (Birkholz)

Children & Families

SB 568 – CHILD CUSTODY REVIEW

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

Introduced 5/12/09; to Families & Human Services. (Jansen)

SB 569 – CHILD CUSTODY ARBITRATION

Requires courts to resolve child custody disputes that have been arbitrated in accordance with domestic relations arbitration provisions.

Introduced 5/12/09; to Families & Human Services. (Jansen)

SB 604 – STUDENT SAFETY ZONE

Expands the definition of the student safety zone that restricts registered sex offenders from entering an area within 1,000 feet of school property, to include day care centers and preschools.

Introduced 5/21/09; to Judiciary. (Kahn)

SB 723 – DAY CARE PROVIDERS

Requires child care providers to give notice to parents and guardians regarding incidents involving serious injury or death.

Introduced 8/5/09; to Families & Human Services. (Hunter)

SB 724 – CHILD CARE DATABASE

Requires a state online database with information on child care centers, family child care homes, and group child care homes to cover a five-year period from the last license renewal for each facility.

Introduced 8/5/09; to Families & Human Services. (Jansen)

SB 734 – PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER

Allows a minor age 12 or older to petition for a personal protection order without a court appointed or other "next friend" (someone who represents the minor).

Introduced 8/18/09; to Judiciary. (Whitmer)

SB 769 – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Makes more stringent the sentencing guidelines for crimes involving child sexually abusive activity or child sexually abusive material.

Introduced 8/26/09; to Judiciary. (Kuipers) (Similar to HB 5308 – Lori.)

HB 5114 – JOINT CUSTODY

Establishes that in a custody dispute between parents, a court must order joint custody unless it determines by clear

and convincing evidence that a parent is unfit, unwilling, or unable to care for the child, or unless the parent moves outside the school district and is unable to maintain the child's school schedule without interruption.

Introduced 6/17/09; to Judiciary. (Calley)

HB 5215 – GUARDIANS

Establishes that a court order to appoint a guardian for a legally incapacitated individual must specify exactly what powers the guardian has, and reserve to the incapacitated individual any powers not specifically delegated.

Introduced 7/28/09; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Robert Jones)

HB 5242-5244 – DAY CARE AIDES

HB 5242 – Provides for certain training requirements for day care aides and relative care providers.

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

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

Introduced 8/19/09; to Families & Children's Services. (Byrnes, et. al.)

HB 5374 – CHILD CARE LICENSING

Requires the Department of Human Services to post public notices as part of the child care licensing process.

Introduced 9/15/09; to Families & Children's Services. (Spade)

Consumer Protection

SB 584 – DECEPTIVE PRACTICES

Clarifies application of the Consumer Protection Act to actions expressly permitted by law.

Introduced 5/19/09; to Judiciary. (Patterson)

HB 4915 – CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Eliminates a provision of the Consumer Protection Act that excludes from its provisions matters governed by other comprehensive regulatory regimes in state law, including the state Insurance Code.

Introduced 5/12/09; to Judiciary. (Robert Jones)

HB 5297 – CREDIT SCORING

Prohibits the use of credit scoring by insurance companies to deny, cancel or not renew a policy.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Insurance. (Neumann)

Economic Development

SB 697 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Provides for a reduction of investments in renaissance zones and exempts tool and die recovery zones from the phase-out.

Introduced 7/15/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (Allen)

SB 742 – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Expands the eligibility criteria that allow local governments to authorize tax breaks for firms located in a brownfield economic opportunity zones.

Introduced 8/18/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (Allen)

HB 5202 – RENAISSANCE E-ZONES

Creates entrepreneurial renaissance zones (e-zones) and authorizes tax breaks for firms that locate in a proposed entrepreneurial business facility selected by state economic development officials.

Introduced 7/15/09; to Commerce. (Hansen)

HB 5346-5351 – DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

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

Introduced 9/10/09; to Transportation. (Geiss, et. al.)

Education

SB 846 & 847 – MEAP TEST

Eliminates the social studies component of the Michigan Merit Exam for sixth graders (SB 846) and ninth graders (SB 847).

Introduced 9/21/09; to Education. (Switalski)

HB 4923 & 4924 – PHYSICAL/HEALTH EDUCATION

Revises requirements for physical education (HB 4923) and health education (HB 4924).

Introduced 5/12/09; to Education. (Bauer & Proos)

HB 4979 & 4980 – ROLLBACK CONTRACTS

HB 4979 allows the state Superintendent of Public Instruction the authority to enter an “education mandate rollback contract” of up to five years with a school district, in which

the district agrees to achieve certain clearly defined and measurable performance goals in return for a waiver from specified state education regulations or mandates. HB 4980 makes School Aid requirements subject to education mandate rollback contracts.

Introduced 5/20/09; to Education. (Pavlov & Bolger)

HB 4994 – FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE

Revises the School Aid foundation allowance calculation for certain districts.

Introduced 5/26/09; to Education. (Melton)

HB 5039 – COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Repeals state competitive scholarships and returns funds to the State’s general fund.

Introduced 6/3/09; to Education. (Smith)

HB 5061 – PROMISE GRANT

Repeals the Michigan Promise Grant Scholarship Program.

Introduced 6/9/09; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 5062 – TOBACCO FUNDS

Returns tobacco settlement revenues allocated to the Michigan Merit Scholarship Program to the State’s general fund.

Introduced 6/9/09; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 5063 – EDUCATION GRANTS

Repeals the Michigan Education Opportunity Grants and returns the money to the State’s general fund.

Introduced 6/9/09; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 5064 – TUITION WAIVER

Repeals the tuition waiver for the children of police officers and firefighters who are killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Introduced 6/9/09; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 5065 – TUITION WAIVER

Repeals the tuition waiver for veterans programs.

Introduced 6/9/09; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 5093 – SCHOOL BULLYING

Requires schools to adopt a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying, and requires the Department of Education to develop a model policy.

Introduced 6/16/09; to Education. (Warren)

HB 5113 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Revises high school graduation requirements so that they are consistent with the “NCAA Division 1 16 Core-Course Rule.”

Introduced 6/17/09; to Education. (Calley)

HB 5142 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Modifies the curriculum requirements for high school graduation.

Introduced 6/24/09; to Education. (Pearce)

HB 5237 & 5238 – CONVERSION SCHOOLS

HB 5238 provides for public school academies conversion schools. HB 5237 provides School Aid funding for public school academies conversion schools.

Introduced 8/11/09; to Education. (Pavlov)

HB 5268 – JAILED YOUTH

Allows schools to exclude information about incarcerated pupils from accreditation data and annual education reports.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Education. (Genetski)

HB 5300 & 5301 – MICHIGAN FUTURE TRUST FUND

HB 5300 increases the state income tax and earmarks the money to pay the tuition of Michigan high school graduates at state colleges, universities or certain vocational schools, under the condition that they perform a specified amount of community service and not move out of the state for four years after getting a degree. Some of the increased income tax revenue would also be used to pay for government preschool programs. The college money would be given to students in the form of a refundable income tax credit. HB 5301 creates the Michigan Future Trust Fund to hold and disburse the increased income tax revenue proposed by HB 5300.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Appropriations. (Smith)

HB 5321 – FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE

Establishes a method for reducing the school foundation allowance to school districts.

Introduced 9/9/09; to Education. (Scripps)

HB 5322 – PRORATION

Revises the calculation of proration for the K-12 (School Aid) per pupil grant.

Introduced 9/9/09; to Education. (Moore)

HB 5356-5361 – FIRST-CLASS SCHOOLS

HB 5356 – Reduces from 100,000 to 60,000 the number of students that qualify a school district as a “school district of the first class,” a statutory device to prohibit an expansion of charter schools in Detroit.

HB 5357 – Modifies certain provisions concerning the creation of a law enforcement agency that apply in counties with first-class school districts to apply in counties with certain other school districts.

HB 5358 – Modifies the Land Bank Fast Track Act reference to first-class school districts to apply to certain other school districts.

HB 5359 – Applies the exclusion of public school administrators of first-class school districts for collective bargaining purposes to apply to certain other school districts.

HB 5360 – Applies certain provisions applying to first-class school districts in Property Tax Limitation Act to certain other school districts.

HB 5361 – Applies certain provisions applying to first-class school districts in the Public School Employees Retirement Act to certain other school districts.

Introduced 9/15/09; to Education. (B. Scott, et. al.)

HJR BB – COLLEGE TUITION

Requires the state to pay the community college or state university tuition of all resident high school graduates, or the cost of certain vocational training, on the condition that the student perform one year of community service; increases the state income tax and creates two new state lottery games to fund the program.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Education. (Durhal)

HR 130 – HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Healthy Schools Act of 2009 to provide funding for the development and operation of school-based health clinics.

Introduced 8/11/09; to Education. (Womack)

HR 145 – GENDER LEARNING STYLES

Encourages the Michigan Department of Education to recognize the psychological differences between how boys and girls learn and to communicate this finding to the state's K-12 education community.

Introduced 8/26/09; to Education. (Sheltrown)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 690-695 – VOTER REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Introduced 7/15/09; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Brown & Kuipers)

SB 801 – LEGISLATOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Introduced 9/10/09; to Judiciary. (Patterson)

HB 4880 & 4881 – VOTER RIGHTS

HB 4880 makes it a felony to knowingly or intentionally providing false or misleading information to a voter concerning the person's right to vote, and HB 4881 establishes sentencing guidelines.

Introduced 5/5/09; to Ethics & Elections. (Valentine)

HB 4895 & 4896 – VOTER RIGHTS

HB 4895 prohibits candidates from running for office when campaign statements, reports, fees, or fines have not been filed or paid for more than 12 months, and HB 4896 revises penalties.

Introduced 5/6/09; to Ethics & Elections. (Meltzer)

HB 4916 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT

Exempts contributions from a candidate's parents from campaign finance law contribution limits.

Introduced 5/12/09; to Ethics & Elections. (Hammel)

HB 4981 – LEGISLATIVE BENEFITS

Establishes a graduated post-retirement health insurance for legislators elected starting in 2008, in which the size of the benefit depends on how many years they were on the government payroll.

Introduced 5/21/09; to Government Operations. (Ball)

HB 4997 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Provides for general amendments for contributions and expenditures made under the Campaign Finance Act.

Introduced 5/26/09; to Ethics & Elections. (Geiss)

HB 5019 – LEGISLATOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Replaces the lifetime health insurance benefit granted to legislators who have spent six years in office and have reached age 55 with a graduated system that would pay 30 percent of the premium after 10 years in office and another 3 percent for each additional year until 90 percent of the health insurance premium cost would be paid by the state after 30 years.

Introduced 5/28/09; to Government Operations. (Rick Jones)

HB 5317 – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Requires certain candidates for elective office to file financial disclosure reports.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Ethics & Elections. (Opsommer)

HB 5378 – AUTOMATED POLITICAL CALLS

Requires that automated phone calls ("robocalls") disclose the identity of the person paying for the communication and whether it is authorized by a candidate.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Ethics & Elections. (DeShazor)

HB 5456 – ABSENT VOTERS

Requires local governments to maintain a permanent absent voter list, and requires local elections clerks to automatically send an absentee ballot before each election to any qualified registered voter who requested to be placed on the list.

Introduced 9/23/09; to Ethics & Elections. (Miller)

HJR U – UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE

Provides for a unicameral Legislature.

Introduced 6/9/09; to Judiciary. (Lemmons)

HJR W – PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

Provides for a part-time Legislature and caps legislators' annual salaries.

Introduced 6/16/09; to Judiciary. (Moore)

HJR DD – PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

Reduces legislator salaries, cuts pay for misses session days, and limits the legislative budget.

Introduced 9/9/09; to Judiciary. (McMillin)

HJR EE – PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

Provides for an extension of term limits, a part-time legislature, and a date required for the governor to present a budget.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Judiciary. (Agema)

HJR FF – ADVICE AND CONSENT

Requires Senate advice and consent for certain state appointments in cases where the person is a former member of the Legislature or former candidate for the Legislature.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Judiciary. (P. Scott)

Employment & Economy

SB 552 – EARLY RETIREMENT

Provides early retirement for certain state employees.

Introduced 5/7/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (Brown)

SB 718 – PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT

Requires businesses awarded Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax breaks to pay the prevailing wage.

Introduced 8/5/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (Gleason)

SB 733 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Increases the amount of additional weekly unemployment insurance benefit paid for each dependent.

Introduced 8/18/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (Gleason)

SB 848 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Authorizes the payment of unemployment benefits to a worker who, in lieu of layoff, receives wages reduced by the employer by 25 percent or more under a work-share plan filed with the unemployment agency.

Introduced 9/21/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (Kuipers)

HB 4951 – EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Prohibits the state unemployment agency from combining the layoff experience of two related businesses for purposes of increasing their unemployment insurance tax assessment unless there have been certain disallowed business transfers or bank account commingling.

Introduced 5/14/09; to Commerce. (R. Schmidt)

HB 5022 – MEDICAL EXPENSES

Authorizes a program to provide subsidies to small employers (fewer than 50 employees) to provide “cafeteria”

health coverage plans that let employees pay medical expenses with pretax dollars.

Introduced 5/28/09; to Labor. (Young)

HB 5217 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Eliminates certain restrictions on the payment of unemployment benefits to an individual laid off from family businesses.

Introduced 8/4/09; to Labor. (Green)

HB 5233 – STATE REEMPLOYMENT

Exempts former state employees from a provision prohibiting them from both collecting a pension check and a pay check, if they return to work in a different state department than the one from which they retired.

Introduced 8/11/09; to Labor. (Meadows)

HB 5291 – UNEMPLOYMENT INELIGIBILITY

Makes a person ineligible to collect unemployment insurance benefits if he or she loses a job because a government-mandated occupational license has been revoked or suspended.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Labor. (Agema)

HJR AA – VETERAN PREFERENCE

Gives preference in civil service jobs to honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces.

Introduced 8/26/09; to Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security. (Rick Jones) (Similar to SJR L – Kahn.)

HR 91 – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Urges the U.S. Congress to remove the requirement that states make permanent changes to their 100 percent employer-financed unemployment insurance laws to expand unemployment benefits to individuals who are not currently eligible in order to qualify for the state’s portion of one-time unemployment benefit funding.

Introduced 5/6/09; to Labor. (Bolger)

HR 138 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Affirms the right of workers to bargain collectively in their labor contracts for wages, working conditions, and benefits, and, in particular, health benefits.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Labor. (Miller)

HR 150 – DONOR STATES

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation prohibiting states with levels of unemployment that exceed the national average from being donor states.

Introduced 9/9/09; to Tax Policy. (Barnett)

Energy & Utilities

SB 533-538 – UTILITY PACKAGE

SB 533 – Requires utilities to make ongoing efforts to identify senior citizen customers.

SB 534 – Requires utilities to give customers an opportunity to identify a third party that should be notified if the customer's service is shut off for nonpayment of bills.

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

SB 536 – Requires information about energy assistance programs be included with a customer's bill.

SB 537 – Requires utilities to make efforts to determine whether a customer is a senior citizen before shutting off service for nonpayment of bills.

SB 538 – Requires the Public Service Commission to investigate any utility shutoff that results in death or serious injury.

Introduced 5/5/09; Energy Policy & Public Utilities. (Gleason, et. al.)

SB 553-557 – UTILITY PACKAGE

SB 553 – Requires communication with providers regarding eligible individuals for energy assistance programs.

SB 554 – Prohibits a municipal utility from shutting off the service of a customer who hasn't paid his or her bills unless it has complied with state administrative rules.

SB 555 – Establishes a system of automatic payments to utilities of heating bill payments to energy providers for certain low-income households subject to shutoff for nonpayment.

SB 556 – Gives the Public Service Commission the duty of recommending policies that would "reduce barriers" to senior or low-income utility customers receiving state subsidies.

SB 557 – Requires the Public Service Commission to investigate any utility shutoff that results in death or serious injury.

Introduced 5/7/09; to Energy Policy & Public Utilities. (Pappageorge, et. al.)

Health

SB 565, HB 4910 & 4911 – LEFTOVER MEDICAL SUPPLIES/DRUGS

Requires the Department of Community Health to promulgate regulations for a program for allocating leftover medical supplies ("PALMS"), including prescription drugs.

Introduced 5/12/09; to Health Policy. (Sen. Stamas & Reps. Mayes & Moore.)

SB 579-582 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE

A package of bills that expands health insurance coverage to presently uninsured Michigan residents.

SB 579 – Creates the MI-Health Act to establish a system of health insurance subsidies for uninsured individuals who meet eligibility requirements.

SB 580 – Establishes regulations for individual health insurance policies and certificates applicable to all carriers.

SB 581 – Requires Blue Cross Blue Shield to comply with the requirements of the MI-Health Act.

SB 582 – Authorizes revenue from quality assurance assessments on hospitals to be spent on the subsidization of the proposed MI-Health program.

Introduced 5/14/09; to Health Policy. (George, et. al.)

SB 635 – HEALTH CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

Clarifies that a licensed health care professional who provides care in a free clinic while being paid by an employer that is not the free clinic, still is covered by the free clinic's "Good Samaritan" liability waiver.

Introduced 6/11/09; to Judiciary. (Allen)

SB 731 – LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL

Creates the Michigan Quality Community Care Council through which the Department of Community Health would have to arrange for the provision of personal assistance services under the home help program.

Introduced 8/5/09; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs. (Allen)

SB 743 & 744 – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES

SB 743 mandates insurers selling Medicare supplemental insurance to offer a core package that includes certain benefits, and makes other revisions to statutory regulations. SB 744 prohibits the use of genetic information in denying or pricing Medicare supplement policies.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Economic Development & Regulatory Reform. (Sanborn)

SJR K – INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE

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

Introduced 8/27/09; to Health Policy. (Kuipers) (Similar to HJR CC – Calley.)

HB 4879 – CLINICAL LAB LICENSURE

Exempts from the state clinical laboratory licensure mandate labs that are operated by a home care agency or hospice and that have a certificate of waiver issued by the U.S. Department of Health And Human Services.

Introduced 5/5/09; to Health Policy. (Liss)

HB 4934 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE

Regulates individual health care coverage.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Health Policy. (Corriveau)

HB 4935 – HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Provides certain changes to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's coverage and rate setting.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Health Policy. (Coulouris)

HB 4936 – HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Prohibits a health insurance company from cancelling coverage because of a failure to resolve all reasonable questions arising from the written information on an application before issuing the coverage; prohibits an insurer in the small employer group market from raising rates in a renewed policy due to the claims experience or any change in the health status of a covered employee.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Health Policy. (Melton)

HB 4937 – E-PRESCRIPTIONS

Mandates that doctors write prescriptions using an electronic "e-prescribing" system established under Medicare regulations.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Health Policy. (Segal)

HB 4938 – UNINSURED DRUG PURCHASES

Creates a new program in which the state would buy prescription drugs in bulk quantities from manufacturers, distribute them through pharmacies that agree to terms and price controls set by the state, and sell them at discount rates to government and school employees, prisoners, elders, unemployed individuals, Medicaid and Medicare recipients (if allowed by the federal government), and any entity that provides some form of coverage (pre-

sumably insurance coverage that pays for prescription drugs).

Introduced 5/13/09; to Health Policy. (R. Schmidt)

HB 4939 – HEALTH ASSESSMENT WEBSITE

Requires the Department of Community Health to create a health assessment website to promote healthy behaviors by the citizens of this state through education and awareness.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Health Policy. (Womack)

HB 5046 & 5047 – HEARING AIDS

Requires that health insurance policies cover the cost of hearing aids and cochlear implants for children under 18 years old.

Introduced 6/4/09; to Insurance. (Dean)

HB 5048 – NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

Repeals the nursing scholarship program and returns those funds to the State's general fund.

Introduced 6/4/09; to Insurance. (Smith)

HB 5209 – MEDICAL CONTROL

Prohibits local medical control authorities, which supervise and coordinate local emergency medical services, from imposing staffing requirements more stringent than those required under state law.

Introduced 7/16/09; to Health Policy. (McMillin)

HB 5231 – UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Establishes an unused prescription drug repository program to collect unused drugs (from establishments such as health care facilities and nursing homes), and distribute them to pharmacies and charitable clinics for dispensing to low income Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

Introduced 8/4/09; to Health Policy. (Meadows)

HB 5345 – STATEWIDE POOL

Creates and implements a uniform health coverage plan for all government employees.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Public Employee Health Care Reform. (Dillon)

HB 5372 – FILE SHARING

Includes information about child support orders in the types of information that insurers and other entities are required to share with the Department of Community Health in certain circumstances.

Introduced 9/15/09; to Insurance. (Constan)

HB 5475 & 5476 – PHARMACY BENEFITS

Expands the Health Care False Claims Act (HB 5475) and the Medicaid False Claims Act. (HB 5476) to impose new regulations on audits done by pharmacy benefits managers of pharmaceutical providers.

Introduced 9/25/09; to Health Policy. (Simpson)

HJR Z – INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE

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

Introduced 8/19/09; to Health Policy. (Amash)

HR 109 – MEDICARE

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

Introduced 6/17/09; to Health Policy. (Meltzer)

HR 148 – HEALTH CARE PLAN

Urges the U.S. Congress to oppose a national health care plan, based on compelling health facts and statistics as reported by the Hoover Institute.

Introduced 9/2/09; to Health Policy. (McMillin)

Juvenile Justice

HB 5174 & 5175 – JUVENILE COMPETENCY

Establishes in statute a presumption that juveniles ten years of age or older who are defendants in criminal prosecutions are competent, and establishes specific procedures and explicit criteria for determining that a juvenile is not competent.

Introduced 7/14/09; to Judiciary. (Segal & Schuitmaker)

HB 5482-5489 – JUVENILE COMPETENCY

A package of bills that establish competency rules and procedures for restoring juveniles who committed a crime but were deemed not competent due to mental illness, serious emotional disturbance or developmental disability, but whose competence the court determined could be restored with treatment.

Introduced 9/29/09; to Judiciary. (Liss, et. al.)

Mental Health

SB 864 – RECIPIENT RIGHTS

Expands the scope and authority of the Medicaid mental illness assistance recipients rights offices by mandating new investigatory and response procedures and appeals processes on behalf of Medicaid mental health service recipients.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Brater)

SB 865 – ASSESSMENT STANDARD

Creates a simplified uniform assessment standard at community mental health agencies to determine if a person needs mental health services.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Brater)

SB 866 – RECEIVERSHIP

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

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Brater)

SB 867 – DATABASE/REPORTING SYSTEM

Requires the Department of Community Health to establish a standardized database and a statewide reporting system to track applicants who are denied mental health services.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Brater)

SB 868 – DATABASE/REPORTING SYSTEM

Requires that any hearing related to a community mental health services program uses and records input and opinions regarding a particular case's merits from an independent mental health professional.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Brater)

SB 869 – TREATMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizes the guardian of a legally incapacitated individual to give the consent or approval that is necessary for the person to be given psychiatric hospitalization or mental health outpatient care.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Brater)

SB 870 – INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS

Requires community mental health facilities to annually provide the Department of Community Health with information on all known instances of death, serious injury, serious physical illness, incarceration, homelessness, and delay or interruption of education among mental health care

recipients and applicants; requires the State Office of Recipient Rights to review and investigate as warranted.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Scott)

SB 871 – ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE

Clarifies assessment language for people needing treatment.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Cherry)

SB 872 – GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Establishes a policy directive on local grievance procedures that all community mental health services programs shall be required to follow.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Thomas)

SB 873 – TREATMENT AUTHORITY

Establishes that if a guardian of a mental health patient signed the original application for admission, the guardian is the only person authorized to give notice of termination of treatment.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Thomas)

SB 874 – TREATMENT COVERAGE

Revises, updates, and standardizes throughout the state the array of mental health services the state will cover under Medicaid and related public assistance programs.

Introduced 9/24/09; to Health Policy. (Gleason)

HB 5027 – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Authorizes community mental health authorities to form or contract with a nonprofit entity to provide information technology and administrative support services to organizations engaged in providing mental health services, behavioral health services, social services, substance abuse services, human services or other health care services.

Introduced 5/28/09; to Health Policy. (Mayes)

HB 5096 & 5097 – MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

Prohibits Blue Cross Blue Shield (HB 5096) and health insurance companies and HMOs (HB 5097) from applying more restrictive conditions on coverage for “biologically based” mental health treatment than those that apply to other health coverage.

Introduced 6/16/09; to Health Policy. (Meadows)

HB 5373 – CHILD RESTRAINT

Revises the law establishing policies and procedures for the restraint and seclusion of mentally disabled or disturbed children by state agencies, social workers, adoption facilitators, and child care organizations to allow the use of

mechanical restraints by a child caring institution transporting a minor to or from hospitalization or a court appearance.

Introduced 9/15/09; to Families & Children’s Services. (Spade)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 595 – LEGISLATOR OFFICE ACCOUNTS

Transfers any balances in legislator office accounts to the state general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Introduced 5/20/09; to Appropriations. (Gleason)

HB 4892 – PRIVATIZED STATE SERVICES

Requires conditions for privatizing and disclosure of information concerning a privatized state service.

Introduced 5/6/09; to Labor. (Roberts)

HB 5381 – NEW FISCAL YEAR

Changes the State’s fiscal year to one that begins on July 1.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Appropriations. (Schuitmaker)

HB 5462 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides for a one-month interim School Aid budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Introduced 9/23/09; to Appropriations. (Haines)

HR 116 – REVENUE CONFERENCE

Requests the principals of the Revenue Estimating Conference to hold monthly revenue estimating conferences until the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year budgets have been enacted.

Introduced 6/25/09; to Appropriations. (DeShazor)

HR 152 – BUDGET DEADLINE

Urges the Speaker of the House of Representatives to call the chamber into session every day, excluding religious holidays, until the House has passed a Fiscal Year 2010 budget that is balanced and clearly identifies revenue sources.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Judiciary. (Haines)

Social Services

HB 5364 – CIVIL LIABILITY

Establishes that the usual immunity from civil suits for actions by public employees in the course of performing their duties does not apply to a Department of Human Services or foster care agency employee if they file or

produce a false report or false document relating to the department, or commit perjury in a proceeding relating to a case or duty encompassed within his or her job duties.

Introduced 9/15/09; to Judiciary. (McMillin)

HR 107 – SHELTER FUNDING

Urges the U.S. Congress to maintain, or increase, Fiscal Year 2010 funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Introduced 6/11/09; to Families & Children's Services. (Leland)

Taxes

SB 563 – DONATED CAR CREDIT

Eliminates the sunset on the law that authorizes an income tax credit of up to \$50 (\$100 for joint returns) for the donation of an automobile to a qualified charity for transfer to certain low-income persons eligible for public assistance.

Introduced 5/12/09; to Finance. (George) (Similar to HB 4987 – Schuitmaker.)

SB 572 – VENDED FOOD TAX

Repeals a use tax exemption on the purchase of food from a vending machine.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Finance. (Switalski)

SB 591 – HOME SENIOR CARE TAX BENEFIT

Exempts from property tax assessment increases new construction, additions, or a mobile home that is erected for the sole purpose of providing assisted living for a disabled, live-in relative over age 62.

Introduced 5/20/09; to Finance. (Jelinek)

SB 630 – AUTISM RESEARCH

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

Introduced 6/11/09; to Finance. (Thomas)

SB 632 – SEVERANCE PAYMENT TAX

Authorizes a personal income tax deduction for up to \$100,000 in severance payments from an automaker or supplier to an employee.

Introduced 6/11/09; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 643 – ON-LINE TAX FILING

Requires the Department of Treasury to develop and make available a software system that will offer free electronic filing to individual taxpayers.

Introduced 6/17/09; to Finance. (Switalski)

SB 653 – RENAISSANCE ZONE CREDIT

Revises the business tax credit granted to a particular business located in a renaissance zone.

Introduced 6/18/09; to Finance. (Gilbert)

SB 684 – CASH FOR CLUNKERS

Exempts cash for clunker vouchers from the sales tax.

Introduced 7/15/09; to Finance. (Gilbert)

SB 832 – TUITION GRANTS

Allows for Michigan Business Tax deductions for charitable contributions for the Advance Tuition Payment Fund under the Michigan Education Trust Act.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Finance. (Gilbert)

SB 838 – MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX

Makes nonsubstantive wording changes to the Michigan Business Tax Act as a parliamentary device for quickly adopting an income tax increase if necessary in order to help balance the state budget.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Finance. (Switalski) (Similar to HB 5384 – Cushingberry.)

SB 840 – USE TAX

Imposes the 6 percent use tax on certain items, including international phone calls, toll-free "800" calls, food and ingredients sold from vending machines, magazines, and free meals to restaurant employees.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Finance. (Switalski)

SB 843 – INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

Suspends the income tax exemption indexation.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Finance. (Switalski) (Similar to HB 5420 – Meadows.)

SB 853 – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE

Authorizes an annual refundable Michigan Business Tax credit of up to \$5,000 per employee for a firm that repays an employee's college loans.

Introduced 9/21/09; to Finance. (Jacobs)

SB 855 – ESTATE TAX

Eliminates the link between the Michigan estate tax and the federal estate tax levied on a person's assets upon death, and establishes a permanent Michigan estate tax on estates of \$2 million or more, with the exception of assets attributable to family owned businesses, including farms.

Introduced 9/22/09; to Finance. (Prusi) (Similar to HB 5455 – Miller.)

HB 4877 – INCOME TAX

Cuts the state income tax rate from 4.35 percent to 4.25 percent on October 1, 2009.

Introduced 5/5/09; to Tax Policy. (McMillin)

HB 4884 – MEDIA MBT EXEMPTION

Provides an exemption to the Michigan Business Tax for newspapers and broadcasting entities.

Introduced 5/5/09; to Tax Policy. (Calley)

HB 4933 – SENIOR CARE EXEMPTION

Provides an additional income tax exemption for a taxpayer who provides care for an older parent or grandparent living in the taxpayer's home.

Introduced 5/13/09; to Tax Policy. (DeShazor)

HB 4945 – NONPROFITS

Exempts the lodges of fraternal organizations from local school operating tax millages.

Introduced 5/14/09; to Tax Policy. (W. Schmidt)

HB 4987 – AUTO DONATIONS

Eliminates the sunset for income tax credits for automobiles donations.

Introduced 5/26/09; to Tax Policy. (Schuitmaker)

HB 5257-5265 & 4050 – POVERTY EXEMPTIONS/ FORECLOSURES

A package of bills that amend 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 8/19/09; to Tax Policy. (Leland, et. al.)

HB 5296 – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

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

Introduced 9/2/09; to Labor. (Warren)

HB 5352 – INCOME TAX

Makes nonsubstantive wording changes to the Income Tax Act as a parliamentary device for quickly adopting an income tax increase if necessary in order to help balance the state budget.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5353 & 5354 – USE AND SALES TAXES

Imposes the 6 percent use tax (HB 5353) and sales tax (HB 5354) on certain items, including food and ingredients sold from vending machines, magazines, and free meals to restaurant employees.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)
(SB 844, sponsored by Switalski, is similar to HB 5354.)

HB 5355 – TOBACCO TAX

Modifies the tax on certain tobacco products.

Introduced 9/10/09; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry) (Similar to SB 842 – Switalski.)

HB 5386 – PHYSICIAN QAAP

Establishes a new Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP) fee on physicians.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry) (Similar to SB 854 – Switalski.)

HB 5387 – SOFT DRINK TAX

Imposes an excise tax of 1-cent per bottle on carbonated soft drinks.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Tax Policy. (Smith)

HB 5388 – BOTTLED WATER TAX

Imposes an excise tax of 1-cent per bottle on bottled water.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5389 – SEVERANCE TAX

Modifies and implements a severance tax on oil, gas, and water.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5421 – SALES TAX

Provides for a collection fee reduction under the sales tax.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Tax Policy. (Meadows)

HB 5422 – USE TAX

Establishes a reduction of collection fees under the use tax.

Introduced 9/17/09; to Tax Policy. (Meadows)

HB 5480 – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Eliminates an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) that was authorized in 2006 legislation to assist low-income working families.

Introduced 9/29/09; to Tax Policy. (Haveman)

HCR 29 – DONOR STATES

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact a Taxpayer Equity Act prohibiting states with levels of unemployment that exceed the national average from being donor states.

Introduced 9/23/09; to Tax Policy. (Barnett)

HJR GG – SALES TAX REVENUE

Increases the percentage of sales tax revenue to be used for assistance to local units of government.

Introduced 9/15/09; to Tax Policy. (Opsommer)

Miscellaneous

SB 750 – PROPERTY DONATION

Allows real property seized under forfeiture provisions of illegal drug laws to be given to government agencies or nonprofit agencies for various purposes.

Introduced 8/19/09; to Judiciary. (Pappageorge) (Similar to HB 5286 – Knollenberg.)

SB 782 – SAFETY EXEMPTION

Exempts volunteers for nonprofit organizations from requirements imposed under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Introduced 8/27/09; to Commerce & Tourism. (McManus)

SB 826 – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS

Modifies the eligibility criteria for community corrections programs.

Introduced 9/16/09; to Judiciary. (Cropsey)

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APPOINTMENTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT CORPORATION (ECIC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The ECIC is charged with establishing standards and guidelines for early childhood development activities to be implemented throughout the state in partnership with local intermediate school districts.

Appointed for terms expiring 7/22/12 were **Lewis V. Chamberlin III**, Comstock Park; **Doug R. Luciani**, Traverse City; and **Anne Mervenne**, Royal Oak. Appointed for terms expiring 12/31/12 were Hon. **Louise Alderson**, representing a nominee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives; **Kenneth B. Gutman**, West Bloomfield, representing a nominee of the Senate Majority Leader; **M. Olivia Lagina**, Traverse City, representing a nominee of the House Minority Leader; and **Juan R. Olivarez**, Ph.D., Grand Rapids, representing a nominee of the Senate Minority Leader. All appointees were also appointed to the ECIC Corporation Board for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Senate.

HOME BASED CHILD CARE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board's 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.

Karla Swift, Livonia, was appointed to represent child care advocates or current consumers of child care services for a term expiring 9/7/12. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Senate.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Commission, a bipartisan entity, investigates alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record, or physical or mental disabilities and works to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without discrimination.

Bertram Marks, Detroit, was appointed to represent Democrats for a term expiring 12/31/11. **Jared I. Rodriguez**, Portland, was appointed to represent Republicans for a term expiring 12/31/10. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY ACTION AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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

Appointed to represent community action agencies were **Donald Jones**, Pleasant Ridge, and **John Stephenson**, Interlochen. Stephenson was also designated to serve as chairperson for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor. Also appointed were **Alexandria Kiel**, Detroit, representing low-income individuals, and **Karol Bolton**, Adrian, representing elected public officials. All terms expire 6/21/11; the appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Commission serves the state's estimated 50,000 blind persons through programs including vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services, deaf blind services, youth services, the Business Enterprise Program, and the MCB Training Center.

Michael Geno, Port Huron, was appointed to represent blind persons for a term expiring 9/30/10. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Council serves as an advocate for people with developmental disabilities.

Kristen E. Columbus, Tecumseh, was appointed for a term expiring 9/30/11 to represent parents or guardians with a child with developmental disabilities. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Senate.

DISABILITY CONCERNS COMMISSION

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

Appointed for terms expiring 11/30/09 and also re-appointed for terms expiring 11/30/13 were **Catherine E. Mercer**, Holt; **Zachary J. Tomlinson**, Clio; **Steffanie D. Webster**, Farmington; and **Daniel R. Vivian**, Lansing. Vivian was also designated to serve as chairperson for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Appointed for terms expiring 11/30/10 were **Jane P. MacFarlane**, Clawson; **Dana S. Parker**, Birmingham; and **Brian F. Sheridan**, Royal Oak. Appointed for terms expiring 11/30/11 were **Ronald L. Bower**, North Branch; **Miranda M. Grunwell**, Portage; and **Jeffery A. Lang**, Lansing. Appointed for terms expiring 11/30/12 were **Joseph M. Connelly**, Livonia; **Kathy L. Ford**, Okemos; and **Mary L. Kelley**, Northville. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

EDUCATION TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board provides an avenue for families to invest in their children's future, enabling them to attend Michigan institutions of higher education.

Appointed for terms expiring 12/31/09 and also reappointed for terms expiring 12/31/12 were **Susan Work Martin**, Ph.D., Ypsilanti, representing presidents of state institutions of higher education, and **Gail C. Mee**, Ed.D., Dearborn, representing presidents of community or junior colleges. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Committee provides advice and input on prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, administration of juvenile justice, and the reduction of juvenile delinquency.

Appointed to represent persons under the age of 24 who were formerly under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system were **Matthew Alers**, Warren, and **Timothy G. James**, Benton Harbor. Appointed to represent local elected officials in general purpose local government were **Archie H. Bailey**, Ph.D., Flushing, and **Richard L. Renner**, Lake City. **Jonnie Hill**, Detroit, was appointed to represent volunteers who work with delinquents or potential delinquents and persons under the age of 24, and **Ashley Miller**, Mt. Pleasant, was appointed to represent persons under the age of 24. All terms expire 3/15/12; the appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Senate.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED COMMISSION

The Commission, a bipartisan entity, reviews and determines the need for new institutional health services, facilities, or organizations being offered or developed in Michigan.

James B. Falahee, Jr., Portage, was appointed to represent hospitals and Republicans for a term expiring 4/9/10. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Authority provides hospitals within the state access to appropriate capital financing to expand, enlarge and establish health care and other related facilities.

Mary Ann Minard, Holt, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 3/1/13. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

BOARD OF PHARMACY

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

Appointed to represent the general public were **Ilene Hartman-Abramson**, Ph.D., Novi, for a term expiring 6/30/11, and **Pamela Bufe-Wyett**, Bloomfield Hills, for a term expiring 6/30/13. **Dhafer Almaklani**, Dearborn, was appointed to represent pharmacists for a term expiring 6/30/13. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

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QUALITY COMMUNITY CARE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is charged with promoting and coordinating effective and efficient personal assistance services, including the objective of creating and maintaining one or more registries of providers in designated Michigan communities.

Eric Thomas, Flint, was appointed to represent consumer advocates for a term expiring 6/17/13. The appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

COUNCIL FOR LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Council is charged with assessing trends and issues, developing strategies, and acting as an ongoing strategic advising body that encourages and stimulates innovative public and private responses to workforce challenges.

Appointed were **Gary Burtka**, Allen Park, representing chief elected officials for a term expiring 4/30/12; **Douglas Jester**, East Lansing, representing business for a term expiring 4/30/13; and **Richard Long**, Waterford, representing labor organizations for a term expiring 4/30/13. The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Senate.