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HOUSE AND SENATE COMPLETE FY2007 BUDGET BILLS

Both the House and Senate have completed work on the FY2007 Appropriations Bills for all State Departments, Higher Education, and School Aid albeit on different tracks. The Senate has concluded work to pass individual appropriations bills for the various departments. The House, on the other hand, approved an omnibus bill which includes all state departments in one bill.

Following is an update of action on the FY2006-2007 appropriations bills for the various health and human services departments as well as the education-related bills. Those bills that originated in the Senate have Senate bill numbers. As indicated above, the House combined all Department bills into an omnibus bill (HB 5796) as was done last year; House-originated bills reflect the Omnibus bill number.

Community Colleges (SB 1082) passed the Senate, and the bill is nearly \$44 million GF less than the Executive Budget, and nearly \$46 million general fund lower than the House Appropriations recommendation. The major difference between the Senate-passed bill and the Executive Budget and House recommendation is the Senate substitution of \$43.9 million general fund with funds from the School Aid Fund. The House did not recommend the substitution of general fund dollars with School Aid funds.

Department of Community Health (SB 1083) passed the Senate and is \$54 million general fund lower than the Executive Budget, and nearly \$21 million general fund higher than the House recommendation. Senate-passed changes from the Executive Budget primarily relate to savings assumed from increased copays and premiums for Medicaid recipients, savings in long term care through increased audits and strengthened asset criteria and look-back periods, and reduced funding for Detroit/Wayne Community Mental Health Board. The House

recommendation also assumes increased copays and premiums, as well as long term care savings, but eliminates coverage for optional 19-20 year olds and caretaker relatives. The House recommendation limits the Home Help wage increase to non-relatives, provides a 2 percent increase for Community Health Direct Care Workers, and a 4 percent increase for Medicaid physician rates. The recommendation includes only a \$100 placeholder for the Michigan First Healthcare Plan, while the Senate supported the Governor's recommendation.

Department of Corrections (SB 1084) passed the Senate and is consistent with the Governor's general fund recommendation, but is \$30 million general fund higher than the House recommendation. The House recommendation includes savings from "efficiencies" and program reductions.

Department of Education (SB 1085) passed the Senate and reflects slight modifications from the Executive Budget including a \$350,000 reduction for a best practices study and the restoration of funds for the Alternate Route to Certification and Limited License to Instruct programs. The House recommendation is about \$2 million general fund higher than the Executive Budget and the Senate recommendation. Major changes approved by the House include: \$1.5 million general fund for a web-based practice assessment and classroom remediation program, \$250,000 for middle school math programs, \$350,000 for curriculum content and revised graduation requirements, \$150,000 reduction for the best practices study.

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Higher Education (SB 1088) passed the Senate and is \$32.8 million general fund higher than the Executive Budget, and \$3.5 million general fund higher than the bill approved by the House. The Senate did not concur with the Governor's recommendations for operational funding for the universities and approved a \$3,750 per student minimum and a 1.8 percent inflation increase for all universities. The Senate provided 2 percent increases to the Agriculture Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. The Senate also provided \$250,000 for scholarships for a master's degree in nursing program. The House concurred with the Senate recommendation to increase funding by 2 percent for the Agriculture Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service, and added \$400,000 to the Cooperative Extension Service for 4-H program. In addition, the House recommended a separate formula for operations funding which ranges from a 1.9 percent reduction to a 4.5 percent increase, with an additional \$1 million for Northern Michigan University.

School Aid (SB 1095) passed the Senate, and while the gross and general fund amounts are nearly the same as the Executive Budget, there are numerous policy and funding differences. The Senate-passed bill increases the minimum foundation allowance to \$7,100, \$25 more than the Executive Budget; increases funding for School Readiness programs by \$7.4 million; includes funding for finger printing (\$3.5 million); provides up to \$60/pupil for those districts with foundation allowances below \$7,160; increased funding for Child and Adolescent Health Centers (\$2 million); and increased Special Education funding by \$52.2 million (\$38.3 million state funds). The Senate did not include funding for 10 initiatives recommended by the Governor, rather the Senate included \$100 placeholders for each of the initiatives. The House recommended a foundation allowance increase of \$230, which is \$30 more than the Executive Budget recommendation, and \$5 more than the increase passed by the Senate. The House included a \$35/pupil increase for districts with foundation allowances below \$7,480, did not include the \$50 million recommended in the Executive Budget for declining enrollment schools nor most of the initiatives recommended by the Governor (the Senate included \$100 placeholders).

Department of Human Services (HB 5796) was approved by the House with dramatic differences from the Executive Budget in both funding and policy. The House recommendation is nearly \$44 million general fund lower than the Executive Budget and includes dramatic changes in the State's welfare programs, including time limits (48 month lifetime, 24 consecutive month limit) for the Family Independence Program, cash assistance grant reductions, elimination of the work incentive, stricter sanction policy, and a family cap. The House bill does include funding for additional staff for several priorities including the Jobs, Education, Training Program (80 FTEs), Child Protective Services (25 FTEs), and Medicaid Eligibility determination (30 FTEs for long term care asset transfer look-back), as well as funding for a contract to assist SSI applicants with appeals. The House bill also includes additional training funds for Work First and employers of Family Independence Program recipients. The Senate passed SB 1090 which includes somewhat less onerous provisions than the bill approved by the House. The Senate bill does not include a time limit for the receipt of Family Independence Program benefits, nor a family cap. It does include sanctions (less strict than the House) and eliminates the \$200/month work incentive, and assumes a lower payment standard. The Senate also adds staffing for the same program areas as the House, but assumes different staffing numbers, and adds 20 FTEs for licensing investigators for child and adult facilities. The House did not concur with the Governor's recommendation to replace general fund for educational costs in juvenile justice facilities with school aid funds, and restored the general fund.

Department of Labor and Economic Growth (HB 5796) was approved by the House with a \$100,000 general fund increase from the Executive Budget. The Senate concurred with most recommendations in the Executive Budget with the exception of the liquor license fee increase. The Senate also increased funding for the Bureau of Fire Services by \$1.4 million gross and general fund.

Bills Signed Into Law & RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Status of bills updated through April 30, 2006.

2006 Public Acts

PA 4 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides zero budget supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Signed 2/3/06; with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (SB 956)

PA 20 – INMATE MEDICAL CARE

Requires a county sheriff to draw on an inmate's health care policy before submitting expenses for medical care or treatment to the county.

Signed 2/9/06; immediate effect. (SB 736)

PA 26 – HEALTH FACILITY BACKGROUND CHECKS

Requires an applicant for a health profession license or registration, or for reinstatement or reclassification of a license or registration, to undergo a criminal background check. Also allows a licensing board for good cause to request a licensee or registrant to have a criminal background check.

Signed 2/16/06; immediate effect. (HB 5168)

PA 27 – MENTAL HEALTH BACKGROUND CHECKS

Requires criminal history checks on individuals seeking employment, an independent contract, or clinical privileges with a psychiatric facility or intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation.

Signed 2/16/06; immediate effect. (HB 5448)

PA 28 – RESIDENT CARE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Repeals and replaces provisions that disqualify a person from employment with a nursing home for certain convictions and require criminal history checks of applicants for employment.

Signed 2/16/06; immediate effect. (SB 621)

PA 29 – ADULT CARE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Eliminates the grandfather provision for criminal background checks for employees of adult foster care facilities.

Signed 2/16/06; immediate effect. (SB 622)

PA 31 – NEWBORN SCREENING

Creates the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee.

Signed 2/22/06; immediate effect. (SB 794)

PA 38 – HEALTH RECORD PRIVACY

Allows for the release of patient information without the patient's prior authorization in certain circumstances.

Signed 3/2/06; immediate effect. (HB 4606)

PA 41 – ADOPTION EXAMS

Allows a physician or nurse practitioner to conduct physical examinations and certify a medical statement for preplacement assessments for adoptions.

Signed 3/2/06; immediate effect. (HB 5247)

PA 46 – SEX OFFENDER E-MAIL NOTIFICATION

Requires notification by e-mail to certain individuals when a registered sex offender relocates into or within a certain proximity of a zip code.

Signed 3/2/06; effective 1/1/07. (SB 128)

PA 48 – NURSE EXAMS

Authorizes nurse practitioners to administer medications in schools.

Signed 3/9/06; immediate effect. (HB 5331)

PA 49 – NURSE EXAMS

Allows a certified nurse practitioner to perform a physical examination for any individual ordered to submit to such an examination by a court, board or commission, or other public body or officer.

Signed 3/9/06; immediate effect. (HB 5245)

PA 50 – NURSE EXAMS

Allows nurses to conduct physical examinations for truck driver certifications.

Signed 3/9/06; immediate effect. (HB 5248)

PA 51 – FOSTER CERTIFICATE

Authorizes physician or certified nurse practitioner to complete the medical statement required for licensure or certification as foster parents.

Signed 3/9/06; immediate effect. (HB 5398)

PA 60 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES

Prohibits and provides penalties for damaging, destroying, or preventing access to telecommunications device to prevent reporting of domestic violence, crime, illness or injury.

Signed 3/16/06; immediate effect. (SB 1024)

PA 78 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVIDENCE

Allows prior acts of domestic violence to be admissible as evidence.

Signed 3/23/06; immediate effect. (SB 120)

PA 79 – HEARSAY RULE

Exempts certain statements of domestic violence victims from the hearsay rule.

Signed 3/23/06; immediate effect. (SB 263)

PA 80 – COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Eliminates conflict with departmental rules between community action agency boards.

Signed 3/23/06; immediate effect. (HB 5258)

PA 81 – MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Increases the standard minimum wage from \$5.15, as follows: To \$6.95, beginning October 1, 2006; to \$7.15, beginning July 1, 2007; and to \$7.40, beginning July 1, 2008. Specifies, however, that if a ballot proposal establishing a minimum wage is approved by voters at the November 7, 2006 general election, the minimum wage would be set at the rate prescribed by the ballot proposal.

Signed 3/28/06; immediate effect. (SB 318)

PA 84 – TEACHER CRIMINAL RECORDS

Requires measures to ensure accuracy of reports concerning criminal convictions of school employees, and clarifies disclosure requirements under the Freedom of Information Act.

Signed 3/31/06; immediate effect. (HB 5675)

PA 88 – INMATE COSTS

Provides for reimbursement to municipalities for the cost of housing inmates.

Signed 4/2/06; immediate effect. (SB 208)

PA 90 – SCHOOL SERVICE SAVINGS

Clarifies the procedure to consolidate school services and save tax dollars.

Signed 4/2/06; immediate effect. (SB 866)

PA 91 – CARE IMPROVEMENT REGISTRY

Changes the name of the Childhood Immunization Registry to the Michigan Care Improvement Registry, and requires the Department of Community Health to promulgate rules to implement the expansion of the registry.

Signed 4/4/06; immediate effect. (SB 728)

PA 94 – CAREER PREP SUNSET

Eliminates the June 30, 2006 sunset in the Career and Technical Preparation Act.

Signed 4/2/06; immediate effect. (HB 5282)

PA 105 – PRESUMPTION OF CUSTODY

Revises the information required to be on an acknowledgment of parentage form and specifies that signing the form would give initial custody of a minor child to the mother without prejudice to a court's determination of each parent's custodial rights.

Signed 4/7/06; immediate effect. (HB 4161)

PA 111 & 112 – SBT PROJECT TAX CREDITS

Provides for criteria and qualifications for Single Business Tax (SBT) credits for projects of \$200,000 or less.

Signed 4/7/06; immediate effect. (HB 4733 & 4734)

PA 113 – SBT CREDITS

Requires Single Business Tax (SBT) credits of \$200,000 and amends application requirements.

Signed 4/7/06; effective 90 days after sine die adjournment. (SB 599)

PA 116 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Provides eligibility for the designation of additional renaissance zones.

Signed 4/11/06; immediate effect. (SB 922)

PA 118 – TEACHING READING REQUIREMENT

Establishes additional requirements regarding reading instruction for the renewal of an elementary teacher's provisional teaching certificate or the advancement of the teacher's certification to professional certification, beginning July 1, 2007.

Signed 4/14/06; immediate effect. (SB 327)

PA 119 – EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Allows School Aid funds to be allocated to early intervention programs.

Signed 4/14/06; immediate effect. (SB 328)

PA 120 – EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

Establishes a grant program for early intervention programs, and redirects funding from districts that formerly received a class size grant to now use those funds for early intervention programs.

Signed 4/14/06; immediate effect. (SB 329)

PA 121 – EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Requires a percentage of at-risk funds to be used for early intervention programs in districts with a learning-disabled population above the state average.

Signed 4/14/06; immediate effect. (SB 330)

PA 123 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishes statewide graduation requirements.

Signed 4/20/06; immediate effect. (HB 5606)

PA 124 – HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Sets requirements for high school curriculum and requires students to pass the curriculum in order to receive a diploma.

Signed 4/20/06; immediate effect. (SB 1124)

Resolutions Adopted

SR 108 – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REQUIREMENTS

Urges the U.S. Congress to add social studies to the testing requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Adopted 4/26/06. (Kuipers)

HR 182 – HOME HEATING

Memorializes Congress and the President to increase funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Substitute adopted 4/25/06. (Schuitmaker)

HR 204 – CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Creates a special House Committee on Child Protection.

Adopted 3/2/06. (DeRoche)

HR 210 – METH DANGERS

Encourages the Department of Education and school districts to educate teachers and administrators on the dangers of methamphetamine.

Adopted 4/27/06. (Newell)

Vetoed of 2006

SB 179 – YOUTH WORK STANDARDS

Amends the Youth Employment Standards Act to provide that a 16- or 17-year-old student could not work more than 20 hours in one week when school is in session.

Vetoed by the Governor 3/3/06. (Stamas)

SB 957 – SINGLE BUSINESS TAX

Removes the Single Business Tax (SBT) credit alternative tax rate and percentage reduction in tax liability.

Vetoed by the Governor 2/3/06. (Cassis)

SB 1026-1028, – REGULATORY UNION PREFERENCE HB 5744 & 5745

Amends various health care-related statutes to prohibit provisions in administrative rules that discriminate in favor or against a provider based on the existence of a collective bargaining agreement.

Vetoed by the Governor 3/23/06. (Hardiman, et. al.)

HB 5743 – SBT REPEAL

Provides for the repeal of the Single Business Tax (SBT) credit.

Vetoed by the Governor 3/31/06. (Drolet)

BILLS PENDING

Status of bills updated through April 30, 2006.

Children & Families

SB 130 – COACH CONVICTION DISCLOSURE

Requires the disclosure of certain convictions of persons coaching independent youth athletic teams.

Senate passed 5/10/05; House passed substitute 6/29/05; re-referred to House Judiciary 2/28/06. (Sanborn)

SB 183 – CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Requires child safety seats for children 80 pounds or less and under nine years of age.

Introduced 2/10/05; to Transportation; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 2/23/06. (McManus) (Similar to HB 4153 - Kolb.)

SB 262 – CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS

Waives fines for certain child car restraint system violations under certain circumstances.

Introduced 3/1/05; to Transportation; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 2/23/06. (George) (Similar to HB 4152 – Kolb.)

SB 314 – CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Requires a child safety restraint seat to be in the rear seat if a vehicle has a rear seat, and removes the nursing child exemption.

Introduced 3/16/05; to Transportation; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 2/23/06. (Hammerstrom)

SB 491 – VEHICLE CHILD RESTRAINT

Increases the penalties for the failure to properly restrain a child less than 16 years of age in a vehicle for second and subsequent violations.

Introduced 5/11/05; to Transportation; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 2/23/06. (Kuipers)

SB 891 – CHILD SUPPORT

Establishes department responsibilities for child support collection.

Introduced 11/10/05; to Families & Human Services; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 1/25/06. (Hardiman)

SB 1041 – CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS

Requires use of a rear seat child safety restraint system for children younger than 12 in some circumstances.

Introduced 2/8/06; to Transportation; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 2/23/06. (Birkholz)

SB 1110 – CHILD ABUSE

Increases allowable probation time for misdemeanor child abuse.

Senate passed substitute 3/23/06; to House Judiciary 3/23/06. (Garcia)

HB 4121 – WORK FIRST PROGRAM SUNSET

Repeals the sunset date on the Work First Program.

Introduced 2/1/05; to Family & Children Services; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/30/05; re-referred to Family & Children Services 2/15/06. (Clack)

HB 4957 – CHILD SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

Enacts sentencing guidelines for the crime of accepting employment or volunteer status with certain entities in which children are present.

House passed substitute 6/29/05; Senate passed substitute 8/31/05; re-referred to Judiciary 2/28/06. (Taub) (Similar to SB 605 – Gilbert.)

HB 5027 – DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

Creates individual and family development accounts.

Introduced 6/29/05; to Banking & Financial Services; substitute adopted and amended and placed on third reading 4/18/06. (Hunter)

HB 5531-5535 – SEX CRIMES AGAINST MINORS

The following bills pertain to violations of criminal sexual conduct against children less than 13 years of age:

HB 5531 provides for mandatory lifetime electronic monitoring of persons convicted of certain criminal sexual conduct crimes, and establishes penalties for tampering with the electronic monitoring device.

HB 5532 provides for a lifetime satellite tracking of certain sex offenders.

HB 5533 enacts sentencing guidelines for the crime of tampering with an electronic monitoring device.

HB 5534 provides for a 25-year minimum sentence for first-degree criminal sexual conduct against certain minors.

HB 5535 revises the jurisdiction of the parole board of a prisoner convicted of first-degree criminal sexual conduct against an individual less than 13 years of age, and provides for GPS monitoring during the parole period.

All bills were introduced 12/29/05; to Judiciary. House passed substitute bills for HB 5531-5533 3/14/06; to Senate Judiciary 3/15/06. (D. Law & Byrnes)

HB 5602 – ADOPTION INHERITANCE RIGHTS

Removes conflicts between the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC) and the Adoption Code.

House passed substitute 2/16/06; to Senate Judiciary 2/21/06. (Schuitmaker)

HB 5842 – CHILD METH EXPOSURE

Requires the Department of Human Services to cooperate with law enforcement in cases where children have been exposed to methamphetamine production.

House passed substitute 4/27/06. (Mortimer) (Similar to SB 1116 – Hardiman.)

HB 5843 – CHILD METH EXPOSURE

Requires cases of child exposure to methamphetamine production be referred to the prosecuting attorney.

House passed 4/27/06. (Gilbert) (Similar to SB 1117 – Gilbert.)

HB 5844 – CHILD METH EXPOSURE

Establishes reporting requirements for a child suspected of having been exposed to or having had contact with methamphetamine production.

House passed substitute 4/27/06. (Baxter)

Corrections

SCR 39 – INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

Calls on the State Bar of Michigan and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association to issue a joint report on the number and types of cases, and their costs, of court-appointed attorneys for indigent criminal cases.

Senate adopted substitute 3/23/06; referred to House Judiciary 3/22/06. (Cropsey)

HB 5643 – INMATE REIMBURSEMENT COSTS

Extends the time for filing a civil action by counties for reimbursement by inmates to the county for the cost of imprisonment and care.

Ordered enrolled 4/19/06. (Caul)

Education

SB 673 – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Provides for voluntary certification for school administrators.

Senate passed substitute 9/22/05; to House Education 9/22/05; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 4/26/06. (Jelinek)

SB 674 – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Establishes fees for voluntary school administrator certificates and for school counselor licenses.

Senate passed substitute 9/22/05; to House Education 9/22/05; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 4/26/06. (Switalski)

SB 1184 – SPECIAL ED COSTS

Sets responsibility for paying for special education hearing costs.

Senate passed 3/30/06; to House Education 3/30/06. (Kuipers)

HB 4278 – COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Prohibits a requirement that students perform community service as a condition of graduation.

House passed substitute 2/21/06; to Senate Education 2/22/06. (Gosselin)

HB 4375 – SUICIDE RISK CURRICULUM

Encourages schools to provide instruction programs regarding warning signs and risk factors of suicide and depression.

House passed with amendments 3/29/06; to Senate Education. (Ward)

HB 5301-5310 – U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

A package of bills that specify that in order for a person to benefit from the following programs, they must be a U.S. citizen or legal alien with a permanent residency status:

HB 5301 – Michigan Nursing Scholarship Program

HB 5302 – Part-Time Independent Student Grant Program

HB 5303 – State Competitive Scholarships

HB 5304 – Work-Study Programs

HB 5305 – Work-Study Programs

HB 5306 – Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant Program

HB 5307 – Tuition grants by independent colleges

HB 5308 – Tuition differential grants

HB 5309 – Michigan Merit Award Scholarships

HB 5310 – Michigan Merit Award Scholarships

House passed substitutes 4/25/06; to Senate Appropriations 4/26/06. (Vander Veen, et. al.)

HB 5354 – BLIND SCHOOL

Provides for the conveyance of the Michigan School for the Blind in Ingham County.

House passed substitute 4/27/06; to Senate Appropriations 5/2/06. (Murphy)

HB 5760 – SCHOOL RETIREES

Revises the date reference from 2006 to 2011 regarding public school employee retirement.

House passed substitute 4/18/06; to Senate Education 4/19/06. (Palsrok)

HB 5903 – ACCELERATED COLLEGE

Creates higher education enrollment option grant program for high school students enrolling.

Introduced 3/22/06; to Government Operations; reported favorably without amendments and referred to second reading 4/25/06. (Hoogendyk)

HB 5904 – ACCELERATED COLLEGE

Amends the School Code to waive high school compulsory attendance requirements for students enrolled in the accelerated college program.

Introduced 3/22/06; to Government Operations; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 4/25/06. (Palmer)

Elections

SB 973-976 – BALLOTS

Amends the Michigan Election Law to transfer from the Board of State Canvassers to the State Elections Director responsibilities for canvassing petitions to determine the validity and sufficiency of signatures; performing other constitutional duties concerning ballot petitions; and holding hearings on complaints or to investigate signatures.

Ordered enrolled 4/27/06. (Hammerstrom, et. al.)

HB 4228 – PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS

Requires local clerks or secretaries of a school board to maintain a list of permanent absentee voters.

House passed with amendments 3/2/06; to Senate Government Operations 3/7/06. (Ward)

HB 5648-5650 – CANVASSERS' AUTHORITY

Revises the duties of the Board of State Canvassers concerning ballot question petitions, and includes a court review of a determination made by the State Director of Elections.

Ordered enrolled 4/26/06. (Shuitmaker, et. al.)

HB 5659 – VOTER REGISTRATION

Expands the authority of local clerks to confirm and cancel voter registrations.

Introduced 2/8/06; to Oversight, Elections & Ethics; substitute adopted and placed on third reading 3/1/06. (Cushingberry)

Employment & Economy

SB 802 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Amends the Michigan Economic Authority Act to modify the criteria by which businesses are eligible for consideration under the act.

Senate passed substitute 1/25/06; to House Commerce 1/25/06. (Allen)

HB 4046 – MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Increases the minimum wage.

Introduced 1/27/05; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety; placed on second reading 7/13/05; re-referred to Employment Relations, Training & Safety 3/28/06. (Lemmons, Jr.)

HB 4516 – WAITSTAFF MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Increases the minimum wage for waitstaff.

Introduced 3/17/05; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety; placed on second reading 6/30/05; re-referred to Employment Relations, Training & Safety 3/28/06. (Cheeks) (Similar to SB 319 – Clarke.)

HB 4517 – MINIMUM WAGE INFLATION INDEX

Increases the minimum wage and indexes it to the rate of inflation.

Introduced 3/17/05; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety; placed on second reading 6/29/05; re-referred to Employment Relations, Training & Safety 3/28/06. (Miller) (Similar to SB 320 – Prusi.)

HB 4518 – MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Increases the minimum wage.

Introduced 3/17/05; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety; placed on second reading 6/29/05; re-referred to Employment Relations, Training & Safety 3/28/06. (Gonzales)

HB 4519 – MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATION FINE

Increases the fine for minimum wage violations.

Introduced 3/17/05; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety; placed on second reading 6/29/05; re-referred to Employment Relations, Training & Safety 3/28/06. (Gleason) (Similar to SB 322 – Emerson.)

Energy & Utilities

SR 71 – WINTER HEATING

Urges the U.S. President and Congress to increase funding for home heating assistance this winter.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Technology & Energy; reported favorably without amendments and placed on order of resolutions 3/21/06. (Schauer)

HB 5686 – HOME HEATING FUND

Earmarks a portion of oil/gas severance tax revenue to the Home Heating Credit Fund.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Energy & Technology; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 3/8/06. (Nofs)

HB 5687 – HOME HEATING FUND

Establishes the State Home Heating Credit Fund.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Energy & Technology; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 3/8/06. (Moore)

HB 5688 – HOME HEATING FUND

Earmarks a portion of the oil/gas severance tax revenue to the Home Heating Credit Fund.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Energy & Technology; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 3/8/06. (Baxter)

HR 189 – HOME HEATING

Memorializes the United States Congress and the President to provide full funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEP).

Introduced 1/26/06; to Energy & Technology. (Espinoza)

Health

SB 465 – MEDICAL RECORD PROTECTION

Implements a provision for the protection, retention, and maintenance of medical records.

Senate passed substitute 4/27/06; to House Health Policy 4/27/06. (Jacobs)

SB 466 – MEDICAL RECORD PROTECTION

Establishes a requirement to protect, maintain, retain, and dispose of patient medical records and other individually identifying information.

Senate passed substitute 4/27/06; to House Health Policy 4/27/06. (Patterson)

SB 467 – GENETIC INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Requires written authorization for the disclosure of genetic information.

Senate passed substitute 4/27/06; to House Health Policy 4/27/06. (George)

SB 468 – HEALTH INFORMATION PROTECTION

Exempts protected health information from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Senate passed 4/27/06; to House Health Policy 4/27/06. (Cherry)

SB 838 – MEDICAID COVERAGE

Amends the Social Welfare Act to eliminate the statutory guarantee of Medicaid coverage for caretaker relatives and 19-20 year olds.

Senate passed 2/15/06; to House Appropriations 2/15/06; placed on third reading 2/28/06. (Emerson)

SB 848 – WELLNESS COVERAGE REBATE

Provides for offering wellness coverage with a premium rebate.

Introduced 10/27/05; to Health Policy; reported favorably with substitute 3/14/06; placed on order of third reading with substitute as amended 3/15/06; amendment adopted 3/16/06. (George)

SB 849 – WELLNESS COVERAGE REBATE

Provides for wellness coverage with a premium rebate for health care corporations.

Introduced 10/27/05; to Health Policy; reported favorably with substitute 3/14/06; placed on order of third reading with substitute as amended 3/15/06; amendment offered 3/16/07. (George)

HB 4455 – MINORITY HEALTH DISPARITIES

Creates the Minority Health Disparities Research and Education Act.

House passed substitute as amended 3/8/06; to Senate Health Policy 3/9/06. (Murphy)

HB 5002 – HOSPITAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

Eliminates the sunset on hospital quality assurance assessment and increases hospital appropriation.

Introduced 6/23/05; to Appropriations; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 6/28/05; re-referred to Appropriations 2/15/06. (Smith) (Similar to SB 619 – Cherry.)

HB 5014 – HEPATITIS C EDUCATION

Provides for educational materials on Hepatitis C for veterans and other high-risk individuals.

Introduced 6/29/05; to Health Policy; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 4/25/06. (Green)

HB 5015 – HEPATITIS C EDUCATION

Includes education and awareness on Hepatitis C in the Michigan health initiative program.

Introduced 6/29/05; to Health Policy; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 4/25/06. (Kahn)

HB 5325 – SENIOR FLU SHOTS

Requires hospitals to provide elderly patients with the influenza vaccine under certain circumstances.

House passed substitute 3/15/06; to Senate Health Policy 3/16/06. (Green)

HB 5336 – HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Creates the Health Information Technology Commission within the Department of Community Health to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in Michigan.

Ordered enrolled 4/26/06. (Newell)

HB 5348 – LONG-TERM CARE

Makes Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan subject to the long-term care health care code.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 2/14/06. (Green)

HB 5349 – LONG-TERM CARE

Provides for general amendments to long-term care insurance.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 2/14/06. (Zelenko)

HB 5387 – HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Creates a catastrophic medical coverage task force.

Introduced 11/1/05; to Insurance; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 1/19/06; substitute adopted and placed on third reading 4/26/06. (Dillon)

HB 5493 – NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

Creates the Nurse Licensure Compact to allow a registered nurse or license practical nurse to be licensed by his or her home state of residency and to practice in another compact state (without an additional license) as long as the nurse adhered to the other state's practice laws and discipline.

House passed substitute as amended 3/22/06; to Senate Health Policy 3/23/06. (Stakoe)

HB 5750 – MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE

Recognizes the multistate licensure privilege authorized pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact.

House passed substitute 3/22/06; to Senate Health Policy 3/23/06. (Stakoe)

HB 5762 – LONG-TERM CARE

Creates the Long-Term Health Care Continuum Act.

Introduced 2/28/06; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 4/18/06. (Vander Veen)

HB 5919 – LONG-TERM CARE

Provides for cleanup of provisions related to the Long-Term Care Continuum Act.

Introduced 3/29/06; to Health Policy; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 4/18/06. (Stahl)

Housing

SB 1112 – HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Revises responsibilities for environmental contamination in housing inspections.

Senate passed substitute 3/30/06; to House Health Policy 3/30/06. (Birkholz) (Similar to HB 5797 – Jones.)

HB 4138 – PUBLIC-ASSISTED HOUSING

Revises certain construction requirements for public-assisted or funded housing.

House passed substitute as amended 3/29/06; to Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs 3/30/06. (Wenke)

HB 4181 – NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Creates a Neighborhood Improvement Authority.

Introduced 2/3/05; to Commerce; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 4/18/06. (Hunter)

HB 5045 – MOBILE HOME TITLES

Eliminates assignment references on the reverse of mobile home titles.

House passed 1/26/06; to Senate Banking & Financial Institutions 1/31/06; reported favorably without amendments and referred to committee of the whole 4/25/06. (Schuitmaker)

HB 5839 – MODULAR HOME FEES

Revises collection and expenditure of fees on manufactured, modular, and mobile homes.

House passed 3/30/06; to Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs 4/18/06. (Hildebrand)

Juvenile Justice

SB 945 – PRIVATE YOUTH PRISONS

Prohibits the operation of a youth facility by a private contractor.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/16/06; to House Local Government & Urban Policy 3/16/06. (Toy)

HB 5114 – JUVENILE PAROLE

Allows parole for certain juvenile offenders sentenced to imprisonment for life.

House passed substitute as amended 3/1/06; to Senate Agriculture, Forestry & Tourism 3/2/06; referred to Appropriations 3/21/06. (Condino) (Similar to SB 942 – Brater.)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 242 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Provides supplemental appropriations for both Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and the current Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Senate passed substitute 12/7/05; House passed substitute as amended 3/15/06; House substitute concurred in as submitted 4/25/06. (Johnson)

SB 1082 – COMMUNITY/JR. COLLEGES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for community and junior colleges for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/28/06; to House Appropriations 3/30/06. (Switalski) (Similar to HB 5722 – Brown.)

SB 1083 – COMMUNITY HEALTH BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Community Health for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute 3/28/06; to House Appropriations 3/30/06. (Cherry) (Similar to HB 5723 – Brown.)

SB 1084 – CORRECTIONS BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Corrections for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/29/06; to House Appropriations 3/30/06. (Cherry) (Similar to HB 5724 – Brown.)

SB 1085 – EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/28/06; to House Appropriations 3/30/06. (Scott) (Similar to HB 5725 – Brown.)

SB 1088 – HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for higher education for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/29/06; to House Appropriations 3/30/06. (Scott) (Similar to HB 5728 – Brown.)

SB 1095 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides appropriations for School Aid for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute as amended 3/29/06; to House Appropriations 3/30/06. (Switalski) (Similar to HB 5735 – Brown.)

Seniors & Adult Services

SB 880 – ANNUITY TRANSACTIONS

Provides for senior protection in annuity transactions. Senate passed substitute as amended 2/9/06; to House Insurance 2/9/06. (Van Woerkom) (Similar to HB 5463 – D. Law)

HB 5661 – SENIOR DRIVER EDUCATION

Provides for an insurance premium discount to senior drivers who complete a certified accident prevention education driver safety course.

Introduced 2/9/06; to Insurance; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 4/27/06. (Nofs)

Taxes

SB 43 – MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED CREDIT

Creates an income tax credit for certain physicians with medical care practices in medically underserved areas.

Senate passed substitute 4/20/06; House Tax Policy 4/25/06. (Thomas)

SB 784 – HEALTH CENTER TAX EXEMPTIONS

Exempts federally-qualified health centers, which are operated by nonprofit organizations or government agencies to provide health care in underserved areas or to underserved populations, from the collection of taxes.

Senate passed substitute 4/20/06; to House Tax Policy 4/25/06. (Allen)

HB 4021 – LONG-TERM CARE ACCOUNTS

Allows taxpayers to deduct from taxable income the premiums paid in the tax year to obtain long-term care benefits from an insurance policy.

Introduced 1/27/05; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation for referral to Insurance 4/26/06. (Kahn)

HB 4119 – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Requires retention of homestead exemption for certain individuals called into active duty.

Introduced 2/1/05; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 4/26/06. (Accavitti)

HB 4337 – SENIOR CITIZEN CARE EXEMPTION

Provides for an additional income tax exemption for caring for a senior citizen in the home.

Introduced 2/17/05; to Tax Policy; referred to Senior Health, Security & Retirement 12/1/05; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 1/31/06. (Shaffer)

HB 4701 – LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Provides for the purchase of long-term care insurance with pretax dollars.

Introduced 5/3/05; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation for referral to Insurance 3/1/06. (Green)

HB 4790 & 4791 – MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Creates medical savings accounts for long-term health care expenses and provides for an income tax deduction.

Introduced 5/17/05; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation for referral to Insurance 4/26/06; reported with

recommendation with substitutes and referred to second reading 4/27/06. (Green)

HB 5021 & 5022 – DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

HB 5021 allows single business tax (SBT) credits and deductions for contributions to individual development accounts. HB 5022 allows income tax credits and deductions for contributions to individual or family development accounts.

Introduced 6/29/05; to Banking & Financial Services; reported with recommendation with substitute 3/29/06; substitute adopted and placed on third reading 4/18/06. (Green & Robertson)

HB 5487 – NONPROFIT TAX

Provides for a tax exemption for certain nonprofit housing corporations and nonprofit corporations with a license to solicit charitable donations.

House passed substitute 12/13/05; to Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs 1/11/06. (Hune)

HB 5689 & 5890 – HOME HEATING FUND

Increases the household income qualifier for the home heating credit to 125 percent of the federal income poverty standards for 2006 (HB 5689) and to 130 percent of federal income poverty standards for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2007 (HB 5890).

Introduced 2/16/06; to Energy & Technology; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 3/8/06. (Casperson & D. Law)

HB 5691 – LOW-INCOME APPLIANCE CREDIT

Provides an income tax credit for the cost of energy-efficient appliances purchased by low-income individuals.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Energy & Technology; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 3/8/06. (Farhat)

HB 5837 – HOME HEATING FUND

Provides for an income tax checkoff for the Home Heating Credit Fund.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Energy & Technology; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 3/8/06. (Accavitti)

HB 5838 – IRA MEDICAL USE

Provides for an income tax deduction for early distribution from an IRA for medical purposes.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 5/3/06. (Garfield)

BILLS INTRODUCED

Status of bills updated through April 30, 2006.

Children & Families

SB 535 – DRUG USE AND CHILD CUSTODY

Allows proven drug use history and convictions to be used when determining custody of a child.

Introduced 5/25/05; to Families & Human Services. (Jelinek)

SB 1057 – CHILD ABUSE

Adds committing an act likely to harm a child under the definition of child abuse.

Introduced 2/22/06; to Families & Human Services. (Jelinek)

SB 1102 – FOSTER PARENTS

Modifies rates for foster parents based on smoking habits.

Introduced 2/28/06; to Families & Human Services. (George)

SB 1118 – CHILD METH EXPOSURE

Requires the Department of Human Services to file a petition for juvenile court jurisdiction in child abuse cases involving methamphetamine production.

Introduced 3/2/06; to Families & Human Services. (Hammerstrom)

SB 1128 – CHILD SUPPORT/MILITARY

Provides for modification of child support assessment for certain military personnel.

Introduced 3/9/06; to Families & Human Services. (Garcia)

SB 1197 – CHILD SUPPORT

Eliminates the requirement of presentence report for nonpayment of child support.

Introduced 3/29/06; to Judiciary. (Switalski)

HB 5579 – SEATBELT AGE REQUIREMENT

Increases the age requirement for the use of seatbelts in the rear seat of a motor vehicle.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Transportation. (Angerer)

HB 5698 – DIVORCE PROGRAM

Requires certain parties to a divorce to complete, either together or separately, a divorce effects program and a questionnaire about the impact of the divorce before entry of the judgment of divorce.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Family & Children Services. (Vander Veen)

HB 5699 – PREMARRIAGE PROGRAM

Establishes criteria for premarital education programs and provides an incentive for couples to complete such a program.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Family & Children Services. (Kooiman)

HB 5700 – MARRIAGE PRESERVATION CREDIT

Provides qualified taxpayers with a nonrefundable credit against the income tax equal to the cost paid during the tax year for a qualified premarital education program, up to \$50 per couple.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Family & Children Services. (Kooiman)

HB 5701 – PARENTING PLAN

Amends the Child Custody Act and renames it the Child Parenting Plan or Custody Dispute Act, and requires parents involved in a divorce, separate maintenance, or annulment action to file with a court a proposed parenting plan before a hearing on or determination of issues regarding a child of the marriage.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Family & Children Services. (Moolenaar) (Similar to SB 1045 – Kuipers.)

HB 5702 – MARRIAGE COUNSELING

Expands the eligibility of persons qualified to perform marriage and family counseling.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Family & Children Services. (Gleason)

HB 5703 – MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Requires that a marriage certificate indicate whether or not the parties had received premarital education.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Family & Children Services. (Gleason)

HB 5908 – CHILD PLACEMENT OBJECTIONS

Allows for objections to placements of children by an agency based on religious or moral convictions.

Introduced 3/23/06; to Family & Children Services. (Stahl)

HB 5909 – CHILD PLACEMENT LICENSURE

Allows for the licensure of a child-placing agency that objects to placements based on religious or moral grounds. Introduced 3/23/06; to Family & Children Services. (Hummel)

HB 5914 & 5915 – UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Prohibits leaving children unattended in a vehicle, provides criminal misdemeanor and felony punishment for violations, and provides sentencing guidelines. Introduced 3/28/06; to Judiciary. (Amos & D. Law)

Consumer Protection

HB 5613 – LEMON VEHICLES

Requires certain disclosures and warranties on the resale of lemon law vehicles. Introduced 1/25/06; to Commerce. (Espinoza)

HB 5900 – CREDIT REPORTS

Allows for civil action to correct inaccurate items in consumer credit reports. Introduced 3/21/06; to Judiciary. (Cushingberry)

HB 5911 – CREDIT REPORT FREEZE

Allows for a security freeze on credit reports. Introduced 3/23/06; to Banking & Financial Services. (Caul)

Domestic Relations/Violence

HB 5564 – VICTIM EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Creates an exception for domestic violence victims from being disqualified from receiving benefits when leaving employment. Introduced 1/19/06; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety. (Kolb)

HB 5968 – DOMESTIC ASSAULT CRIMES

Prohibits deferral of sentencing for certain domestic assault crimes. Introduced 4/25/06; to Judiciary. (Schuitmaker)

Economic Development

HB 5847 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Increases the number of renaissance zones in the state. Introduced 3/8/06; to Commerce. (Moolenaar) (Similar to SB SB 1148 – Stamas.)

HB 5947 – NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES

Provides an exception to the timeline for filing an application for a neighborhood enterprise zone. Introduced 4/18/06; to Commerce. (Lemmons III)

Education

SB 1012 – BULLYING POLICY

Requires all school districts to establish a discipline policy prohibiting bullying at school. Introduced 1/26/06; to Education. (Patterson)

SB 1021 – MANDATED CURRICULUM

Prescribes curriculum requirements for graduation. Introduced 2/1/06; to Education. (Clark-Coleman)

SB 1054 – SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION

Provides for voluntary school bus vehicles. Introduced 2/22/06; to Transportation. (Switalski)

SR 100 – METH EDUCATION

Encourages the Department of Education and local school districts to educate teachers and administrators on the effects of methamphetamine to help fight its use and spread. Introduced 3/2/06; to Education. (Garcia)

HB 5547 – SCHOOL AID OPTION

Provides for a separate supplemental payment as reimbursement for districts that opt not to levy certain millage School Aid. Introduced 1/17/06; to Appropriations. (Condino)

HB 5600 – DETROIT SCHOOLS DEFICIT

Requires the State to assume the deficit incurred while Detroit Public Schools was under reform board control. Introduced 1/24/06; to Appropriations. (Lemmons III)

HB 5601 – EDUCATION BOARD PER DIEM

Revises per diem payments for the State Board of Education. Introduced 1/24/06; to Appropriations. (Lemmons III)

HB 5609 – TEACHER FINGERPRINTING

Provides funding for fingerprinting teachers and administrators. Introduced 1/24/06; to Appropriations. (Moolenaar) (Similar to SB 1010 – Jelinek.)

HB 5616 – BULLYING POLICY

Requires a school discipline policy prohibiting harassment and bullying at school.

Introduced 1/31/06; to Education. (Anderson) (Similar to SB 1156 – Thomas.)

HB 5617 – SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Requires school districts to adopt policy on waivers for children to attend a school district outside their district of residence.

Introduced 1/31/06; to Education. (Vander Veen)

HB 5626 – DETROIT SCHOOL BOARD

Increases the amount of per diem payment to board members of Detroit Public Schools.

Introduced 2/1/06; to Education. (V. Smith)

HB 5635 – STATE SCHOOL EXAMS

Requires the Department of Education to work with school districts to ensure that there are no adverse consequences from logistical problems with state assessments.

Introduced 2/2/06; to Education. (Sak)

HB 5636 – HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Prescribes required high school curriculum.

Introduced 2/7/06; to Education. (Hopgood)

HB 5678 – SCHOOL AID GAP

Requires the reduction in the gap between the highest and lowest foundation grant to K-12 schools to no more than 10 percent.

Introduced 2/14/06; to Appropriations. (Ward)

HB 5696 – SCHOOL MODEL BEHAVIOR POLICY

Requires the Department of Education to develop a model policy regarding chronic behavioral issues and psychotropic medication for students.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Education. (D. Law)

HB 5708 – VOCATIONAL ED FUNDS

Requires the definition of vocational education and the use of vocational education funds.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Education. (Proos)

HB 5709 – SCHOOL SINKING FUNDS

Revises purposes for which sinking funds may be used.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Education. (Casperson)

HB 5920 & 5921 – STUDENT DENTAL EXAMS

Requires that students have dental examinations prior to entering school.

Introduced 3/29/06; to Education. (Clack)

HB 5963 – TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXEMPTION

Allows exception to the requirement that teachers be certified to teach in a field related to their degree.

Introduced 4/25/06; to Education. (Elsenheimer)

HJR T – SCHOOL AID GAP

Amends Michigan's Constitution to require the reduction in the gap between the highest and lowest foundation grant to K-12 schools to no more than 10 percent.

Introduced 2/14/06; to Appropriations. (Ward)

Elections

SB 1036 – PETITION FRAUD

Increases penalties for filing nominating or ballot question petitions with fraudulent signatures.

Introduced 2/7/06; to Government Operations. (Cropsey)

SB 1217 – OFFICIAL ETHICS

Establishes standards of ethical conduct for employees and officials of the executive branch.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Whitmer)

SB 1218 – LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Establishes standards of ethical conduct for members of the Legislature.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Schauer)

SB 1219 – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Prohibits political contributions and solicitations in public buildings.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Jacobs)

SB 1220 – LOBBYIST CONTRIBUTIONS

Restricts delivery of political contributions by lobbyists.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Cherry)

SB 1221 – HONORARIA BAN

Bans statewide elected officials from accepting honoraria.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Brater)

SB 1222 – HONORARIA

Prohibits lobbyists from offering honoraria.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Olshove)

SB 1223 – PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Revises public servants conduct regarding public contracts.

Introduced 4/20/06; to Government Operations. (Switalski)

HB 5830 – CANDIDATE EX-PACS

Prohibits contributions to a candidate from a political action committee established by an organization that the candidate is or was associated with.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Oversight, Elections & Ethics. (Wojno)

HB 5892 – CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Provides for a ballot question in November 2006 on whether to call a constitutional convention.

Introduced 3/16/06; to Oversight, Elections & Ethics. (Hildenbrand)

Employment & Economy

SB 1034 – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

Clarifies time limits for filing an employment discrimination lawsuit.

Introduced 2/7/06; to Judiciary. (Basham)

SB 1155 – OUTSOURCED WORKERS/LOW-INCOME

Provides waiver of high school graduation requirement for admission to community colleges for outsourced workers and some low-income persons.

Introduced 3/16/06; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Switalski)

SB 1160 – OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Creates the Michigan Opportunity Partnership Program with the objective of creating and implementing cooperative solutions to address critical labor shortages in high demand areas, such as health care and skilled trades, and providing employment opportunities for workers in this state.

Introduced 3/16/06; to Commerce & Labor. (Jacobs)

SB 1161 – WORKER DISTRESS AID

Provides tuition assistance to students whose parents have lost jobs due to outsourcing or employer's bankruptcy.

Introduced 3/16/06; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Olshove)

SB 1162-1166 – WORKER DISTRESS AID

Provides 12-month period of interest-only payments on loans and mortgages to persons who have lost jobs due to outsourcing or employer's bankruptcy.

Introduced 3/16/06; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Cherry, et. al.)

HB 5772 – RIGHT TO WORK

Creates Michigan as a Right-To-Work state.

Introduced 3/1/06; to Commerce. (Drolet)

Health

SB 985 – MEDICAID HEALTH CHOICES

Establishes incentives to encourage Medicaid recipients to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Health Policy. (Hardiman)

SB 986 – MEDICAID PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Creates a personal responsibility agreement for Medicaid recipients.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Health Policy. (Bishop)

SB 987 – MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

Revises the eligibility verification process for Medicaid eligibility.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Health Policy. (Allen)

SB 1049 – HEALTH INSURANCE

Makes general amendments to the State's Long-Term Care Insurance Act.

Introduced 2/21/06; to Health Policy. (Hammerstrom)

SB 1050 – NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE

Makes Nonprofit Health Care Corporations subject to the long-term care Insurance Code.

Introduced 2/21/06; to Health Policy. (Cherry)

SB 1056 – MEDICARE

Modifies Medicare supplement policies.

Introduced 2/22/06; to Health Policy. (Cherry)

SB 1198 – W.I.C. LEAD TESTING

Requires the Department of Human Services to require all children participating in the supplemental food program for women, infants and children (the WIC program) to receive lead screening testing.

Introduced 3/29/06; to Families & Human Services. (Scott)

SB 1204 – LIFESTYLE HEALTH INSURANCE

Allows for a financial incentive for a reduction in an employee's health care cost for agreeing to not use specified lawful products.

Introduced 4/18/06; to Health Policy. (Bishop)

SB 1205 – STATE HEALTH ACCOUNTS

Allows opt-in provision for health savings accounts for state employees.

Introduced 4/18/06; to Health Policy. (Patterson)

HB 5707 – DRUG PRICE LIST

Requires a pharmacist to compile a drug retail price list of the 150 most frequently prescribed drugs.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Health Policy. (Kahn)

HB 5815 & 5816 – STUDENT HEALTH CARE

Requires medical insurance coverage and Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage to continue for dependent students who leave college for medical reasons.

Introduced 3/2/06; to Insurance. (Pavlov)

HB 5826 – MEDICAID ASSET ELIGIBILITY

Revises provisions that allow sheltering assets from determination of Medicaid eligibility.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Kolb) (Similar to SB 819 – Switalski.)

HB 5827 – MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY

Implements an estate recovery program for Medicaid recipients.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Kolb) (Similar to SB 820 – Switalski.)

HB 5828 – DEATH RECORD

Requires filing of a death record with the Department of Community Health or the estate recovery unit.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Kolb) (Similar to SB 821 – Switalski.)

HB 5829 – MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY

Establishes an estate recovery program for Medicaid recipients.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Kolb) (Similar to SB 822 – Switalski.)

HB 5918 – ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE

Creates the Health Freedom Act authorizing persons to obtain complementary or alternative health care from unlicensed persons.

Introduced 3/29/06; to Health Policy. (Mortimer)

HB 5962 – BLUE CROSS PRIVACY COMPLIANCE

Includes provision for Blue Cross/Blue Shield compliance with the privacy rule in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Introduced 4/25/06; to Health Policy. (Hune)

HB 6006 – HEALTH TASK FORCE

Creates an adequate health care task force.

Introduced 4/26/06; to Health Policy. (Murphy)

HR 248 – MEDICAID PODIATRY

Urges Congress to expand the definition of physicians in the Medicaid law to include podiatrists.

Introduced 4/26/06; to Health Policy. (Moolenaar)

Housing

HB 4836 – HOUSING AUTHORITY RULES WEBSITE

Requires a website of proposed rules, regulations, or ordinances impacted by a housing analysis.

Introduced 5/26/05; to Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use & Environment. (Ward)

HB 5625 – SECURITY DEPOSITS

Defines who may represent landlords in security deposit disputes.

Introduced 2/1/06; to Judiciary. (Mortimer)

Juvenile Justice

SB 941 – JUVENILE SENTENCING

Prohibits the sentencing of an individual convicted as a juvenile to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Introduced 1/11/06; to Judiciary. (Brater) (Similar to HB 5512 – Condino.)

SB 943 – JUVENILE SENTENCING

Prohibits sentencing a juvenile to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

Introduced 1/11/06; to Judiciary. (Switalski) (Similar to HB 5513 – Condino.)

SB 944 – JUVENILE SENTENCING

Amends the Penal Code to exclude juvenile offenders from life imprisonment without the possibility of parole sentences.

Introduced 1/11/06; to Judiciary. (Scott) (Similar to HB 5515 – Condino.)

HB 5800 – YOUTH CORRECTION

Revises the use of the Michigan Youth Correctional facility.

Introduced 3/1/06; to Judiciary. (Hansen)

Mental Health

SB 1121 – PRESCREENING SERVICES

Allows Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs) to employ licensed bachelor's social workers, as well as mental health professionals, to provide preadmission screening services.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Health Policy. (Stamas)

HB 5922 – REIMBURSABLE CARE

Amends and makes technical changes to mental health services that can be reimbursed.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Meisner)

HB 5923 – REPORTING PROCEDURE

Clarifies the reporting procedure for the State Recipient Rights Director.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Amos)

HB 5924 – CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Creates a consolidation plan for community mental health.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Vagnozzi)

HB 5925 – ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE

Clarifies assessment language for people needing mental health treatment.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Williams)

HB 5926 – RECIPIENT RIGHTS

Allows the State Recipient Rights Office to examine certain fatalities and events for possible violations.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Stewart)

HB 5927 – MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Provides for a medical director of mental health services.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Leland)

HB 5928 – STANDARDIZED REPORTING

Establishes a standardized reporting system to track applicants denied mental health services.

Introduced 3/30/06; to Health Policy. (Byrnes)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 965 & 966 – REVENUE SHARING

Provides for revenue sharing of counties for distributions to authorities.

Introduced 1/18/06; to Appropriations. (Cassis) (SB 966 is similar to HB 5629 – Stakoe.)

SB 1006 – REVENUE SHARING

Provides for distribution of revenue sharing funds to certain county authorities.

Introduced 1/25/06; to Appropriations. (Cassis)

SB 1090 – HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 2/28/06; to Appropriations. (Scott) (Similar to HB 5730 – Brown.)

SB 1092 – LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Labor and Economic Growth for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 2/28/06; to Appropriations. (Prusi) (Similar to HB 5732 – Brown.)

HB 5569 – PENSION TASK FORCE

Creates a Pension Oversight Task Force to investigate reform issues relating to pension amounts.

Introduced 1/19/06; to Appropriations. (Dillon)

HJR R – HEADLEE AMENDMENT

Provides a constitutional amendment requiring spending limits on state government.

Introduced 1/11/06; to Government Operations. (Gosselin)

Seniors & Adult Services

SB 1033 – NURSING HOME TEMPERATURES

Regulates temperature standards in nursing home.

Introduced 2/7/06; to Health Policy. (Basham)

HR 247 – NURSING HOME SAFETY

Urges Congress to enact the Nursing Home Fire Safety Act.

Introduced 4/26/06; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Vander Veen)

Taxes

SB 977 – TEACHER SUPPLIES

Provides a tax credit for certain teacher supplies.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Finance. (Stamas)

SB 979 – CHARITABLE SALES EXEMPTION

Increases the amount of sales by nonprofit organizations exempt from the sales tax.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Finance. (Allen)

SB 1011 – PUBLIC TRANSIT TAX

Allows taxes to be levied up to 25 years for a public transit authority.

Introduced 1/26/06; to Transportation. (Basham)

SB 1031 – CULTURE TAX

Creates an excise tax on cultural and sporting events with proceeds to be distributed for arts grants, sports, and cultural promotion.

Introduced 2/7/06; to Finance. (Johnson)

SB 1037 – CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Extends the deadline to qualify charitable donations for an income tax credit.

Introduced 2/7/06; to Finance. (George)

SB 1048 – HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTS

Applies the maximum income tax deduction on contributions made to higher education accounts on a per account basis.

Introduced 2/21/06; to Finance. (Patterson)

SB 1101 – STATE EDUCATION TAX

Eliminates the duty of the Department of Treasury to collect state education property taxes in some localities.

Introduced 2/28/06; to Finance. (Emerson)

SB 1103 – ENTERTAINERS TAX

Earmarks income taxes paid by nonresident entertainers and athletes for arts funding.

Introduced 2/28/06; to Finance. (George)

SB 1170 – SBT REPEAL

Repeals the Single Business Tax (SBT) as of October 1, 2007; requires the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors to develop a plan by January 1, 2007 to replace all or a portion of the lost revenues; and prohibits raising

income, sales, use, and residential property taxes as a part of the new revenue plan.

Introduced 3/16/06; to Finance. (Van Woerkom)

HB 4313 – SBT TRIGGER

Eliminates the trigger to stop reductions in the Single Business Tax (SBT).

Introduced 2/15/05; to Tax Policy. (Hoogendyk)

HB 5540 – TAX DONATION

Creates an income tax check-off to donate \$2 to the State's General Fund.

Introduced 1/11/06; to Tax Policy. (Gosselin)

HB 5555 & 5556 – HEATING TAX CREDIT

HB 5555 provides for an income tax credit to fully fund the Home Heating Tax Credit. HB 5556 increases the income level for qualifying for the Home Heating Tax Credit.

Introduced 1/18/06; to Energy & Technology. (Sheltrown & Angerer)

HB 5568 – TEXTBOOKS TAX BREAK

Provides for sales tax exemptions for certain textbooks.

Introduced 1/19/06; to Tax Policy. (Stakoe)

HB 5599 – HEATING FUEL EXEMPTION

Exempts home heating fuels from being taxed.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Tax Policy. (Marleau)

HB 5610 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Provides a tax credit for contributions to community housing development organizations.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Tax Policy. (Kolb)

HB 5611 – NEW BUSINESS TAX

Provides for up to a three-year extension on property tax payments for new businesses.

Introduced 1/25/06; to Tax Policy. (Caswell)

HB 5651 – HEATING TAX BREAK

Suspends the sales tax on home heating.

Introduced 2/8/06; to Tax Policy. (Ward)

HB 5652 – CAR TAX BREAK

Permits the Governor to suspend the collection of sales tax on new automobile purchases.

Introduced 2/8/06; to Tax Policy. (Ward)

HB 5681 – CITY INCOME SBT CREDIT

Provides for credit in the Single Business Tax (SBT) for a portion of overpayment of city income taxes for 2006 and 2007.

Introduced 2/15/06; to Tax Policy. (Sheen)

HB 5684 – WEATHERIZATION TAX CREDIT

Provides an income tax credit for the cost of weatherization for homes.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Tax Policy. (Byrnes)

HB 5692 – LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION CREDIT

Allows certain low-income taxpayers to claim a refundable credit equal to 100 percent of the costs paid for weatherization of the taxpayer's home.

Introduced 2/16/06; to Energy & Technology. (Emmons)

HB 5741 – ENERGY-EFFICIENT RENTALS

Provides a tax credit for landlords upgrading energy efficiency of rental property.

Introduced 2/22/06; to Tax Policy. (Kolb)

HB 5833 – SENIOR/DISABLED HOUSING TAX BREAK

Revises property tax exemptions for supportive housing for senior citizens and disabled persons.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Local Government & Urban Policy. (Hune)

HB 5834 – SENIOR HOUSING TAX SUBSIDY

Creates a specific property tax for supportive housing for senior citizens.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Local Government & Urban Policy. (Tobocman)

HB 5835 – SENIOR HOUSING TAX SUBSIDY

Provides for certification by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority of supportive housing property for senior citizens.

Introduced 3/7/06; to Local Government & Urban Policy. (Stakoe)

HB 5907 – PROPERTY TAX OWNERSHIP

Revises the transfer of ownership of principal residence to certain senior citizens.

Introduced 3/23/06; to Tax Policy. (Mortimer)

HB 5910 – PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER

Revises a property tax assessment to exclude the transfer of principal residence to a senior citizen.

Introduced 3/23/06; to Tax Policy. (Gosselin)

HB 5913 – INCOME TAX CUT

Reduces the income tax rate to 3.5 percent, from 3.9 percent.

Introduced 3/28/06; to Tax Policy. (Taub)

HR 193 – INHERITANCE TAX

Urges the United States Congress to abolish the inheritance tax permanently.

Introduced 2/2/06; to Tax Policy. (Gosselin)

HR 194 – TAX CODE REFORM

Urges the United States Congress to reform the U.S. Tax Code.

Introduced 2/2/06; to Tax Policy. (Sheen)

Victims' Rights

HB 5614 – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Requires sex offender registration to list the date the offense was committed on the sex offender registry.

Introduced 1/25/06; to Judiciary. (Van Regenmorter)

HB 5738 – SEX OFFENDER REPORTS

Creates a hotline for reporting the location of individuals on the sex offender registry.

Introduced 2/22/06; to Judiciary. (Rocca)

Miscellaneous

SB 970 – SIGN LANGUAGE

Designates American Sign Language as the official state sign language.

Introduced 1/24/06; to Local, Urban & State Affairs (Jacobs)

SB 1061 – DISABLED VETERANS

Waives state recreational fees for disabled veterans.

Introduced 2/23/06; to Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs. (Barcia) (Similar to HB 5757 – McDowell.)

SCR 42 – WINTER HEATING

Urges the U.S. President and Congress to increase funding for home heating assistance to cope with the rise in natural gas costs expected this winter.

Introduced 3/15/06; to Technology & Energy. (Patterson)

HB 5669 – STATE TOLL-FREE PHONES

Requires state departments to have toll-free telephone numbers.

Introduced 2/9/06; to Government Operations. (D. Law)
(Similar to SB 920 – Allen.)

HJR 5 – SMALLER LEGISLATURE

Reduces the size of the Michigan Senate from 38 members to 20; reduces the size of the Michigan House of Representatives from 110 members to 60 members; and increases term limits to 12 years for members of both chambers instead of 8 years for senators and 6 for representatives.

Introduced 2/9/06; to Government Operations. (Steil)

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APPOINTMENTS

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

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

Tamara D. Vander Ark, Grand Haven, was appointed to represent organized labor for a term expiring 12/19/07. This appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

CHILD SUPPORT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Council advises the Governor and the Supreme Court on development and implementation of strategic goals for improving services to Michigan families.

Verlie M. Ruffin, Detroit, was appointed as a member for a term expiring 4/11/08. The appointment is not subject to disapproval.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

The Council provides input to the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing within the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The mission of Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to affirm the indisputable rights of deaf and hard of hearing persons to secure effective communication through technical support, informational and referral services, accommodations, interpreter information and services, and research and statistics.

George L. Griffiths, Holt, was appointed to represent hearing impaired persons for a term expiring 1/18/09, and was also designated to serve as chairperson of the Council for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Appointed to represent hearing impaired persons were Frank J. Bystrycki, Otsego, for a term expiring 1/18/07; and Robert A. Anthony, Grand Rapids, and Janet G. Haines, Vassar, for terms expiring 1/18/08. Appointed to represent individuals knowledgeable in the field of deafness were Debra A. Self, Fenton, for a term expiring 1/18/07; and Deirdre LaJean Weir, Detroit, for a term expiring 1/18/09. The appointments are not subject to disapproval.

LONG-TERM CARE TASK FORCE

The Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission will assist in the development and implementation of policy and strategies of the Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force recommendations.

Christine M. Chesny, Bay City, was appointed to represent providers of Medicaid-funded long-term care supports and services for a term expiring 12/31/08; Linda K. Ewing, Grosse Pointe, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 12/31/09; and Andrew A. Farmer, Lansing, was appointed to represent primary or secondary consumers of long-term care supports and services for a term expiring 12/31/09. The appointments are not subject to disapproval.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

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

Appointed to represent physicians for terms expiring 12/31/09 were Oliver G. Cameron, M.D., Ph.D., Ann Arbor; David L. Dull, M.D., Ada; and David S. Weingarden, M.D., Southfield. Appointed to represent the general public for terms expiring 12/31/09 were Theresa L. Fraley, Huntington Woods, and Cheryl Graham Soloman, Detroit. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

The Board provides for the licensure of nursing home administrators and provides penalties for violations of Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978.

Karen J. Messick, Comstock Park, was appointed to represent nursing home administrators for a term expiring 12/31/06. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE

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

Appointed to represent physicians for terms expiring 10/1/07 were James E. Dillon, M.D., Ann Arbor; and Rockelle D. Rogers, M.D., Portage. The appointments are not subject to disapproval.

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

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

Allen L. Cushingberry, Psy.D., Detroit, was appointed to represent individuals engaged in the practice of social work. Alan T. Semonian, Southfield, was appointed to represent the general public. Both appointments are for terms expiring 12/31/09 and stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

VETERANS' FACILITIES BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board exercises regulatory and governance authority regarding admission to and members affairs at Michigan's

two veterans' homes. They also represent the interest of the veterans' community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

Appointed for terms expiring 2/28/11 were Timothy D. Bade, New Baltimore, to represent veterans; and Ernest E. Meyers, Sr., Charlotte, to represent veterans of foreign wars of the United States. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD OF MAGISTRATES

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

Jennifer L. Crawford, Grand Haven, was appointed for a term expiring 1/26/07. Murray A. Gorchow, West Bloomfield, was designated to serve as chairperson at the pleasure of the Governor. Michael T. Harris, Okemos, was appointed for a term expiring 1/26/09. Appointed for terms expiring 1/26/10 were Kenneth Birch, Holt; Garry Goolsby, Lansing; James Kent, East Lansing; Jan Leventer, Bloomfield Hills; Beatrice Logan, Detroit; and Victor McCoy, Southfield. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPELLATE COMMISSION

The Commission has statutory authority to review opinions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates and to promulgate rules to amend its administration appellate procedures. It also has the authority to review orders of the director of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Agency.

Donna J. Grit, East Grand Rapids, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 9/30/07. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

The Board is responsible for the promulgation of rules to set minimal standards of acceptable practices and to assess penalties when those standards are not met. The board is also responsible for the recommendation of licensure to schools or individuals that have passed the designated exam created by the board.

Joette M. Lambert, Pleasant Ridge, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 6/30/07. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.