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Introduced by Senators Peters, Conroy, Gougeon, North, Bullard, Vaughn, V. Smith, A. Smith, DeBeaussaert, Young, Stallings, Byrum, Koivisto and Hart

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 396

AN ACT to amend 1981 PA 230, entitled "An act to create a bureau of community services and a commission on economic and social opportunity within the department of labor to reduce the causes, conditions, and effects of poverty and promote social and economic opportunities that foster self-sufficiency for low income persons; to provide for the designation of community action agencies; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the bureau, the commission, and the community action agencies," by amending section 11 (MCL 400.1111).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 11. (1) A community action agency that is a nonprofit agency, as provided in section 8(1)(c) or (d), shall establish a governing board of directors which shall consist of not less than 15 nor more than 51 members. One-third of the members shall be low income, elderly, or consumers with disabilities residing in the service area of the community action agency. Consumer representatives shall be selected through a democratic process pursuant to guidelines established by the department. One-third of the members shall be representatives of the units of local government and public agencies within the service area of the community action agency. One-third of the members shall represent the private sector, including representatives of business and industry, agriculture, labor, and religious and civic organizations located within the service area of the community action agency.

(2) The board of directors shall be responsible for all of the following:

- (a) The appointment and dismissal of an executive director of the community action agency.
- (b) The approval of contracts, annual program budget requests required by section 10, and operational policies of the community action agency.
- (c) The performance of an annual audit by the auditor general or a certified public accountant appointed by the auditor general.
- (d) The establishment of policies for the operation of the community action agency.
- (e) Advising the chief elected officials of the units of local government within the service area of the nature and extent of poverty within the area and recommending needed changes in federal, state, and local policies and programs.
- (f) The convening of public meetings to provide low income and other persons the opportunity to comment upon public policies and programs to reduce poverty.

(g) Annually evaluating the policies and programs of the community action agency. The board shall submit the evaluation and recommendations to improve the administration of the community action agency to the bureau, the chief elected official of each county within the service area, and to the chief elected official of each unit of local government within the service area that has a population of not less than 100,000. The evaluation and recommendations shall be considered a public document in accordance with section 14(2).

(3) A board may establish standing committees, including an executive committee, as necessary to conduct its business in an effective and efficient manner, provided that each committee shall have the same proportional representation of consumer, public, and private members as the governing board.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate.

Mary B. Bell

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

Governor.