



HOUSE BILL No. 5049

October 26, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Rivet, Woodward, Schauer, Pestka and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to create the quality government and accountability committee within the legislative branch; to prescribe its membership, powers, and duties; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officials and state agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act, "quality government and
2 accountability committee" or "committee" means the quality gov-
3 ernment and accountability committee created in section 3.

4 Sec. 3. (1) The quality government and accountability com-
5 mittee is created within the legislative branch. The committee
6 shall be bipartisan and consist of all of the following:

7 (a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by
8 the speaker of the house of representatives.

9 (b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by
10 the minority leader of the house of representatives.

1 (c) Two members of the senate appointed by the senate
2 majority leader.

3 (d) Two members of the senate appointed by the minority
4 leader of the senate.

5 (2) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
6 appointments. Members shall serve terms concurrent with their
7 term in the legislature and until their successors are appointed
8 and qualified. Members of the committee may be reimbursed for
9 expenses incurred in the administration of their duties.

10 (3) Annually the committee shall elect from its membership a
11 chairperson and alternate chairperson who shall be from different
12 houses. The position of chairperson shall alternate between the
13 senate and the house of representatives.

14 (4) The business that the committee may perform shall be
15 conducted at a public meeting of the committee held in compliance
16 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
17 Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall
18 be given in the manner required by the open meetings act, 1976
19 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

20 (5) The committee shall meet not less than 3 times per
21 year. Special meetings shall be held on call of the chairperson
22 or a majority of the members of the committee. The committee
23 shall prescribe rules for its own procedure. A majority of the
24 committee constitutes a quorum, but a smaller number may transact
25 routine business. A majority of the committee shall concur in
26 any recommendation of the committee.

1 (6) The chairperson of the committee or a member designated
2 by the chairperson, upon majority vote of the committee, may
3 administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and examine books and
4 records of a person, partnership, or corporation involved in a
5 matter properly before the committee.

6 (7) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
7 or retained by the committee in the performance of an official
8 function shall be made available to the public in compliance with
9 the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to
10 15.246.

11 Sec. 5. The committee shall investigate, monitor, and
12 review all aspects of state government to promote quality govern-
13 ment and make state government accountable to the citizens of
14 this state. The committee shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Annually review and approve audit and operation plans
16 for the auditor general.

17 (b) Review all 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year strategic plans
18 of all state departments.

19 (c) Review performance audits of the auditor general.

20 (d) Review quality reports on performance audit responses
21 from the office of strategic planning.

22 (e) Not less than annually report its findings and recom-
23 mmendations to the legislature and the governor.

24 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless
25 all of the following bills of the 90th Legislature are enacted
26 into law:

1 (a) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5048

2 (request no. 04278'99).

3 (b) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5047

4 (request no. 04279'99).