

# HOUSE BILL No. 5896

April 16, 2002, Introduced by Reps. Shulman, Kowall, Cassis, Ruth Johnson, Woodward, Bishop, Pappageorge, Godchaux, Gosselin, Phillips, Jacobs and Raczkowski and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1986 PA 281, entitled  
"The local development financing act,"  
by amending section 12a (MCL 125.2162a), as added by 2000  
PA 248.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 12a. (1) A municipality that has created an authority  
2   may apply to the Michigan economic development corporation for  
3   designation of all or a portion of the authority district as a  
4   certified technology park and to enter into an agreement govern-  
5   ing the terms and conditions of the designation. The form of the  
6   application shall be in a form specified by the Michigan economic  
7   development corporation and shall include information the  
8   Michigan economic development corporation determines necessary to  
9   make the determinations required under this section.

(2) After receipt of an application, the Michigan economic development corporation may designate, pursuant to an agreement entered into under subsection (3), a certified technology park that is determined by the Michigan economic development corporation to satisfy 1 or more of the following criteria based on the application:

(a) A demonstration of significant support from an institution of higher education or a private research-based institute located within the proximity of the proposed certified technology park, as evidenced by, but not limited to, the following types of support:

(i) Grants of preferences for access to and commercialization of intellectual property.

(ii) Access to laboratory and other facilities owned by or under control of the institution of higher education or private research-based institute.

(iii) Donations of services.

(iv) Access to telecommunication facilities and other infrastructure.

(v) Financial commitments.

(vi) Access to faculty, staff, and students.

(vii) Opportunities for adjunct faculty and other types of staff arrangements or affiliations.

(b) A demonstration of a significant commitment on behalf of the institution of higher education or private research-based institute to the commercialization of research produced at the certified technology park, as evidenced by the intellectual

1 property and, if applicable, tenure policies that reward faculty  
2 and staff for commercialization and collaboration with private  
3 businesses.

4 (c) A demonstration that the proposed certified technology  
5 park will be developed to take advantage of the unique character-  
6 istics and specialties offered by the public and private  
7 resources available in the area in which the proposed certified  
8 technology park will be located.

9 (d) The existence of or proposed development of a business  
10 incubator within the proposed certified technology park that  
11 exhibits the following types of resources and organization:

12 (i) Significant financial and other types of support from  
13 the public or private resources in the area in which the proposed  
14 certified technology park will be located.

15 (ii) A business plan exhibiting the economic utilization and  
16 availability of resources and a likelihood of successful develop-  
17 ment of technologies and research into viable business  
18 enterprises.

19 (iii) A commitment to the employment of a qualified  
20 full-time manager to supervise the development and operation of  
21 the business incubator.

22 (e) The existence of a business plan for the proposed certi-  
23 fied technology park that identifies its objectives in a clearly  
24 focused and measurable fashion and that addresses the following  
25 matters:

26 (i) A commitment to new business formation.

(ii) The clustering of businesses, technology, and research.

(iii) The opportunity for and costs of development of properties under common ownership or control.

(iv) The availability of and method proposed for development of infrastructure and other improvements, including telecommunications technology, necessary for the development of the proposed certified technology park.

(v) Assumptions of costs and revenues related to the development of the proposed certified technology park.

(f) A demonstrable and satisfactory assurance that the proposed certified technology park can be developed to principally contain eligible property as defined by section 2(p)(iii) and (v).

(3) An authority and a municipality that incorporated the authority may enter into an agreement with the Michigan economic development corporation establishing the terms and conditions governing the certified technology park. Upon designation of the certified technology park pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the subsequent failure of any party to comply with the terms of the agreement shall not result in the termination or rescission of the designation of the area as a certified technology park. The agreement shall include, but is not limited to, the following provisions:

(a) A description of the area to be included within the certified technology park.

1 (b) Covenants and restrictions, if any, upon all or a  
2 portion of the properties contained within the certified  
3 technology park and terms of enforcement of any covenants or  
4 restrictions.

5 (c) The financial commitments of any party to the agreement  
6 and of any owner or developer of property within the certified  
7 technology park.

8 (d) The terms of any commitment required from an institution  
9 of higher education or private research-based institute for sup-  
10 port of the operations and activities at eligible properties  
11 within the certified technology park.

12 (e) The terms of enforcement of the agreement, which may  
13 include the definition of events of default, cure periods, legal  
14 and equitable remedies and rights, and penalties and damages,  
15 actual or liquidated, upon the occurrence of an event of  
16 default.

17 (f) The public facilities to be developed for the certified  
18 technology park.

19 (g) The costs approved for public facilities under section  
20 2(aa).

21 (4) If the Michigan economic development corporation has  
22 determined that a sale price or rental value at below market rate  
23 will assist in increasing employment or private investment in the  
24 certified technology park, the authority and municipality have  
25 authority to determine the sale price or rental value for public  
26 facilities owned or developed by the authority and municipality  
27 in the certified technology park at below market rate.

1 (5) If public facilities developed pursuant to an agreement  
2 entered into under this section are conveyed or leased at less  
3 than fair market value or at below market rates, the terms of the  
4 conveyance or lease shall include legal and equitable remedies  
5 and rights to assure the public facilities are used as eligible  
6 property. Legal and equitable remedies and rights may include  
7 penalties and actual or liquidated damages.

8 (6) An agreement designating a certified technology park may  
9 not be made after December 31, 2002, but any agreement made on or  
10 before December 31, 2002 may be amended after that date.

11 (7) The Michigan economic development corporation shall  
12 market the certified technology parks and the certified business  
13 parks. The Michigan economic development corporation and an  
14 authority may contract with each other or any third party for  
15 these marketing services.

16 (8) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (9),  
17 THE Michigan economic development corporation shall not designate  
18 more than 10 certified technology parks. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION ONLY, CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARKS LOCATED IN THE SAME  
20 COUNTY SHALL BE COUNTED AS 1 CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARK. Not more  
21 than 7 of the certified technology parks designated under this  
22 section may not include a firm commitment from at least 1 busi-  
23 ness engaged in a high technology activity creating a significant  
24 number of jobs.

25 (9) THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MAY DESIG-  
26 NATE AN ADDITIONAL 5 CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARKS AFTER NOVEMBER 1,  
27 2002. THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SHALL NOT

1 ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR THE ADDITIONAL CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARKS  
2 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2002.

3 (10) ~~-(9)-~~ The Michigan economic development corporation  
4 shall give priority to applications that include new business  
5 activity.

6 (11) ~~-(10)-~~ For an authority established by 2 or more munic-  
7 ipalities under sections 3(2) and 4(7), each municipality in  
8 which the authority district is located by a majority vote of the  
9 members of its governing body may make a limited tax pledge to  
10 support the authority's tax increment bonds issued under  
11 section 14 or, if authorized by the voters of the municipality,  
12 may pledge its full faith and credit for the payment of the prin-  
13 cipal of and interest on the bonds. The municipalities that have  
14 made a pledge to support the authority's tax increment bonds may  
15 approve by resolution an agreement among themselves establishing  
16 obligations each may have to the other party or parties to the  
17 agreement for reimbursement of all or any portion of a payment  
18 made by a municipality related to its pledge to support the  
19 authority's tax increment bonds.