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House Bill 5306 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Judy Emmons

House Committee: Commerce

Senate Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would create a new act to establish the Office of Manufacturing Czar within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The Czar would have to do all of the following:

- Devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs in the State.
- Implement the portions of the MEDC's strategic plan addressing manufacturing job creation and retention in the State.
- Coordinate all programs within the MEDC and across government to create and retain manufacturing jobs in the State.
- Aid and assist manufacturers in the State.
- Work to create a business environment that encouraged and sustained manufacturing in the State.
- Work to empower manufacturers to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the market in the State.

The Czar would be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and would report directly to the MEDC President. He or she would have to have experience in creating manufacturing jobs in the private sector.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill does not include funding for the Office of Manufacturing Czar, which would include salary, fringe benefits, and any overhead costs. Because this office would be created in the MEDC, the costs for the office could be covered with "off budget" Indian casino gaming revenue, which would result in no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

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