SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 834

A bill to promote investment in certain businesses; to promote economic development in this state; to provide for a Michigan early stage venture investment corporation; to prescribe the powers and duties of a Michigan early stage venture investment corporation; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public officers and departments; to establish the Michigan early stage venture investment fund and other funds; to provide for tax credits and incentives; to authorize certain investments; to provide for the expiration of the fund; to provide or allow for appropriations; and to provide penalties and remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "Michigan early stage venture investment act of 2003".
- 3 Sec. 2. (1) The legislature finds all of the following:

- 1 (a) There exists a need to promote the economic health of
- 2 this state by assisting in the creation of new jobs, new
- 3 businesses, and new industries within this state and through the
- 4 investment in certain businesses that focus on areas including,
- 5 but not limited to, alternative energy technology,
- 6 high-technology, and health care.
- 7 (b) Investing in businesses that are early stage growth
- 8 companies and promoting economic growth in the state assist the
- 9 state in carrying out its essential governmental functions and as
- 10 such are essential public purposes.
- 11 (c) Investments in certain businesses promote the retention
- 12 of businesses and jobs that would be likely to leave the state
- 13 absent the investment, revitalize and diversify the economic base
- 14 of this state, generate and retain jobs and investment in this
- 15 state, and help to effectuate legislative and governmental
- 16 programs to promote economic growth in this state.
- 17 (d) Agreements with private corporations such as Michigan
- 18 early stage venture investment corporations can assist the state
- 19 by raising capital and investing that capital in venture capital
- 20 firms with the intent to benefit this state's early stage growth
- 21 companies thus facilitating economic growth and development and
- 22 other government programs and supporting essential public
- 23 purposes.
- 24 (2) It is hereby declared that the purposes of this act are
- 25 as follows:
- (a) To promote a healthy economic climate in this state by
- 27 fostering job creation, retention, and expansion through the

- 1 promotion of investment in certain businesses.
- 2 (b) To allow the state to enter into agreements with Michigan
- 3 early stage venture investment corporations to promote a healthy
- 4 economic climate in this state.
- **5** Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- 6 (a) "Alternative energy technology" means that term as
- 7 defined in section 2(d) of the Michigan next energy authority
- 8 act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.822.
- 9 (b) "Board" means the Michigan early stage venture investment
- 10 corporation board of directors.
- 11 (c) "Conflict of interest" means a situation in which the
- 12 private interest of a director, employee, or agent of the board
- 13 may influence the judgment of the director, employee, or agent in
- 14 the performance of his or her duties or responsibilities under
- 15 this act. A conflict of interest includes, but is not limited
- 16 to, the following:
- 17 (i) Any conduct that would lead a reasonable person, knowing
- 18 all of the circumstances, to conclude that the director,
- 19 employee, or agent of the board has an interest related to an
- 20 action that the board is taking under this act.
- 21 (ii) Acceptance of compensation other than from the board for
- 22 services rendered as part of the official duties as a director,
- 23 employee, or agent of the board.
- 24 (iii) Participation in any business being transacted with or
- 25 before the board in which the director, employee, or agent of the
- 26 board or his or her spouse, child, parent, stepparent,
- 27 grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law,

- 1 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, first
- 2 cousin, or second cousin or the spouse of any of the persons
- 3 described in this subparagraph has a financial interest.
- 4 (d) "Equity capital" means capital invested in common or
- 5 preferred stock, royalty rights, limited partnership interests,
- 6 limited liability company interests, or any other security or
- 7 rights that evidence ownership in a private business.
- 8 (e) "Fund" or "Michigan early stage venture investment fund"
- 9 means the fund created in section 19.
- 10 (f) "High-technology activity" means that term as defined in
- 11 section 3(g) of the Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995
- 12 PA 24, MCL 207.803.
- 13 (g) "Investor" means an individual, firm, bank, financial
- 14 institution, limited partnership, co-partnership, partnership,
- 15 joint venture, association, corporation, receiver, estate, trust,
- 16 or any other entity that invests in the fund.
- 17 (h) "Michigan economic development corporation" means the
- 18 public body corporate created under section 28 of article VII of
- 19 the state constitution of 1963 and the urban cooperation act of
- **20** 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, by a
- 21 contractual interlocal agreement effective April 5, 1999 between
- 22 local participating economic development corporations formed
- 23 under the economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL
- 24 125.1601 to 125.1636, and the Michigan strategic fund. If it is
- 25 determined that the Michigan economic development corporation is
- 26 unable to perform its duties under this act, those duties shall
- 27 be exercised by the Michigan strategic fund.

- 1 (i) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic
- 2 fund as described in the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA
- 3 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2093.
- 4 (j) "Near-equity capital" means capital invested in
- 5 unsecured, undersecured, or debt securities or subordinated or
- 6 convertible loans.
- 7 (k) "Negotiated return on qualified investment" means the
- 8 rate of return agreed upon for investments made by investors in
- 9 the fund.
- 10 (l) "Qualified business" means a seed or early stage business
- 11 that is domiciled in this state, that has its corporate
- 12 headquarters in this state, or the majority of whose employees
- 13 work a majority of their time at a site located in this state.
- 14 (m) "Qualified investment" means the amount of capital
- 15 invested by an investor in the fund.
- 16 (n) "Seed or early stage business" means a business that is
- 17 either of the following:
- 18 (i) A business that has not fully established commercial
- 19 operations and may also be engaged in continued research and
- 20 product development.
- 21 (ii) A business engaged in product, service, or technology
- 22 development and initial manufacturing, marketing, or sales
- 23 activities.
- 24 (o) "Venture capital company" means a corporation,
- 25 partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity the
- 26 primary business activity of which is the investment of equity
- 27 capital in businesses that focus on areas, including, but not

- 1 limited to, alternative energy technology, high-technology
- 2 activity, or health care.
- 3 Sec. 5. (1) A Michigan early stage venture investment
- 4 corporation is a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the
- 5 nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192,
- 6 that meets the registration requirements of this act.
- 7 (2) A Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 8 shall be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation that has
- 9 received, on or before September 1, 2004, a favorable
- 10 determination from the internal revenue service that the
- 11 corporation is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) or
- 12 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code. The department of
- 13 treasury may allow up to 3, 30-day extensions of the date under
- 14 this section for purposes reviewing and approving an application
- 15 for registration under section 11.
- 16 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act to the contrary,
- 17 a Michigan early stage venture investment corporation is subject
- 18 to the laws of this state that are applicable to nonprofit
- 19 corporations.
- 20 (4) A Michigan early stage venture investment corporation is
- 21 a charitable and benevolent institution, and its funds, income,
- 22 and property are exempt from taxation by this state or any
- 23 political subdivision of this state.
- 24 (5) A corporation shall not act as a Michigan early stage
- 25 venture investment corporation except as authorized under this
- 26 act.
- 27 Sec. 7. The articles of incorporation of a Michigan early

- 1 stage venture investment corporation shall contain all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The purposes of the corporation, which shall include, but
- 4 are not limited to, all of the following:
- 5 (i) To operate and act exclusively for charitable purposes
- 6 with the intent to lessen the financial burdens of the government
- 7 of this state.
- **8** (ii) To receive and administer funds for the charitable
- 9 purposes under subparagraph (i).
- 10 (iii) To raise capital and invest that capital in venture
- 11 capital firms with the intent of benefiting Michigan's seed or
- 12 early stage businesses.
- 13 (iv) To promote the economic health of this state by
- 14 assisting in the creation of new jobs, new businesses, and new
- 15 industries within this state and through the investment in
- 16 certain businesses.
- 17 (v) To enter into an agreement with this state to promote the
- 18 economic health of this state.
- 19 (b) A provision that the Michigan early stage venture
- 20 investment corporation shall be governed by a board of directors
- 21 that complies with the requirements in section 13.
- (c) A provision that provides that, upon dissolution of the
- 23 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation, the property
- 24 remaining after providing for debts and obligations of the
- 25 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation shall be
- 26 distributed to an organization that qualifies either as a
- 27 governmental unit under section 170(c) of the internal revenue

- 1 code or is exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)
- 2 of the internal revenue code, as designated by the board. If the
- 3 board fails to designate an organization as provided in this
- 4 subdivision, the property remaining shall pass to the state of
- 5 Michigan. For purposes of this subdivision, property remaining
- 6 after providing for debts and obligations does not include
- 7 grants, appropriations, or other restricted funds that must be
- 8 distributed as required by the source of those funds.
- 9 Sec. 9. (1) Prior to applying for registration as a
- 10 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation under section
- 11 11, a nonprofit corporation shall submit its articles of
- 12 incorporation and any amendments to those articles of
- 13 incorporation to the attorney general for review and
- 14 certification.
- 15 (2) The attorney general shall review the information
- 16 submitted pursuant to subsection (1) and, if that information
- 17 complies with the requirements of this act, and upon payment of a
- 18 fee of \$100.00, the attorney general shall issue a certificate of
- 19 compliance to the Michigan early stage venture investment
- 20 corporation not later than 60 days after the initial receipt of
- 21 the information.
- 22 Sec. 11. (1) To apply for registration as a Michigan early
- 23 stage venture investment corporation, a nonprofit corporation
- 24 shall file all of the following with the state treasurer:
- 25 (a) A copy of the articles of incorporation of the nonprofit
- 26 corporation and any amendments to those articles of
- 27 incorporation.

- 1 (b) The certificate of compliance issued under section 9.
- 2 This subdivision does not apply if the attorney general does not
- 3 issue the certificate within the time provided in section 9(2).
- 4 (c) A general plan of the proposed activities of the
- 5 nonprofit corporation, including, but not limited to, evidence of
- 6 the establishment by the nonprofit corporation of a restricted
- 7 fund that shall be known as a Michigan early stage venture
- 8 investment fund.
- 9 (d) A copy of the financial statements of the nonprofit
- 10 corporation for the first fiscal year of the nonprofit
- 11 corporation.
- 12 (e) A copy of the bylaws of the nonprofit corporation.
- (f) Payment of a fee to the state treasurer of \$500.00.
- 14 (2) The state treasurer shall examine the documents filed
- 15 under subsection (1), may conduct any investigation he or she
- 16 considers necessary, may request additional oral and written
- 17 information from the nonprofit corporation, and may examine under
- 18 oath any persons interested in or connected with the nonprofit
- 19 corporation seeking to be registered as a Michigan early stage
- 20 venture investment corporation.
- 21 (3) The state treasurer shall register a nonprofit
- 22 corporation as a Michigan early stage venture investment
- 23 corporation if all of the following conditions are met:
- 24 (a) The documents filed under subsection (1) are in proper
- 25 form.
- (b) The articles of incorporation of the nonprofit
- 27 corporation or any amendments to those articles of incorporation

- 1 meet the requirements of section 7.
- 2 (c) The plan and proposed activities of the nonprofit
- 3 corporation meet the purposes and requirements of this act.
- 4 (d) The internal revenue service has determined that the
- 5 nonprofit corporation is exempt from taxation under section
- 6 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code.
- 7 (4) If the state treasurer registers the nonprofit
- 8 corporation as a Michigan early stage venture investment
- 9 corporation under this section, the state treasurer shall return
- 10 to the nonprofit corporation 1 copy of its articles of
- 11 incorporation and any amendments to those articles of
- 12 incorporation, with a notation indicating that the nonprofit
- 13 corporation is registered as a Michigan early stage venture
- 14 investment corporation.
- 15 Sec. 13. (1) A Michigan early stage venture investment
- 16 corporation shall be governed by a board of directors consisting
- 17 of 7 directors. The directors of the board shall be appointed by
- 18 the governor and, except for the state treasurer or the chief
- 19 executive officer of the Michigan economic development
- 20 corporation, with the advice and consent of the senate as
- 21 follows:
- 22 (a) The state treasurer or his or her designee from within
- 23 the department of treasury.
- 24 (b) The chief executive officer of the Michigan economic
- 25 development corporation or his or her designee from within the
- 26 Michigan economic development corporation.
- (c) One individual appointed from a list of not fewer than 3

- 1 names recommended by the speaker of the house of
- 2 representatives.
- 3 (d) One individual appointed from a list of not fewer than 3
- 4 names recommended by the majority leader of the senate.
- 5 (e) One individual appointed from a list of 1 or more names
- 6 recommended by a statewide organization exempt from taxation
- 7 under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue
- 8 code, the members of which represent more than 50% of the venture
- 9 capital companies in this state and that has a common interest in
- 10 stimulating an entrepreneurial environment in this state,
- 11 encouraging investments in new and emerging companies in this
- 12 state, and promoting venture capital investing.
- 13 (f) Two people representing the general public with the
- 14 requisite knowledge and experience in finance and business
- 15 investment.
- 16 (2) Each director appointed under subsection (1)(c) through
- 17 (f) shall serve for a term of 3 years, except that of those
- 18 directors first appointed, the director first appointed under
- 19 subsection (1)(c) and 1 of the directors first appointed under
- 20 subsection (1)(f) shall each be appointed for a term of 1 year,
- 21 the director first appointed under subsection (1)(d) and 1 of the
- 22 directors first appointed under subsection (1)(f) shall each be
- 23 appointed for a term of 2 years, and the director first appointed
- 24 under subsection (1)(e) shall be appointed for a term of 3
- 25 years. A vacancy on the board at the end of or during a
- 26 director's term shall be filled in the same manner as the
- 27 original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term or

- 1 for the new term and until a successor is appointed.
- 2 (3) A majority of all 7 directors constitute a quorum for the
- 3 transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A majority
- 4 vote of a quorum of the directors is required for official action
- 5 of the board.
- 6 (4) Each director shall prepare and file with the board
- 7 annually on or before October 1 a disclosure form in which the
- 8 director discloses any potential conflict of interest under this
- 9 act.
- 10 (5) A director, employee, or agent of the board shall not
- 11 engage in any conduct that constitutes a conflict of interest and
- 12 shall immediately advise the board in writing of the details of
- 13 any incident or circumstances that may present the existence of a
- 14 conflict of interest with respect to the performance of the
- 15 board-related work or duty of the director, employee, or agent of
- 16 the board.
- 17 (6) A director who has a conflict of interest related to any
- 18 matter before the board shall disclose the conflict of interest
- 19 before the board takes any action with respect to the matter,
- 20 which disclosure shall become a part of the record of the board's
- 21 official proceedings. The director with the conflict of interest
- 22 shall refrain from doing all of the following with respect to the
- 23 matter that is the basis of the conflict of interest:
- (a) Voting in the board's proceedings related to the matter.
- 25 (b) Participating in the board's discussion of and
- 26 deliberation on the matter.
- 27 (c) Being present at the meeting when the discussion,

- 1 deliberation, and voting on the matter take place.
- 2 (d) Discussing the matter with any other board member.
- **3** (7) Failure of a director to comply with subsection (6)
- 4 constitutes misconduct in office. A director may be removed from
- 5 the board for misconduct by a vote of a majority of the directors
- 6 not subject to the vote under this subsection appointed and
- 7 serving on the board.
- 8 (8) With respect to management of the affairs and property of
- 9 the corporation, each director shall exercise the duties of a
- 10 fiduciary toward the corporation and shall discharge his or her
- 11 duties with the degree of diligence, care, and skill that an
- 12 ordinarily prudent person would exercise under the same or
- 13 similar circumstances in a like position. In discharging his or
- 14 her duties, a director, when acting in good faith, may rely upon
- 15 the opinion of counsel and the advice of the fund manager. A
- 16 director may be removed from the board for a breach of fiduciary
- 17 duty by a vote of a majority of the directors not subject to the
- 18 vote under this subsection appointed and serving on the board.
- 19 (9) A director of the board or an officer or employee of the
- 20 board or Michigan early stage venture investment corporation is
- 21 not subject to personal liability when acting in good faith
- 22 within the scope of his or her authority or on account of
- 23 liability of the Michigan early stage venture investment
- 24 corporation, and the board may defend and indemnify a director of
- 25 the board or an officer or employee of the board or Michigan
- 26 early stage venture investment corporation against liability
- 27 arising out of the discharge of his or her official duties. The

- 1 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation may indemnify
- 2 and procure insurance indemnifying directors of the board and
- 3 other officers and employees of the board or Michigan early stage
- 4 venture investment corporation from personal loss or
- 5 accountability for liability asserted by a person with regard to
- 6 actions of the board or the failure to act by the board or
- 7 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation. The
- 8 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation may also
- 9 purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person against
- 10 any liability asserted against the person and incurred by the
- 11 person in any capacity or arising out of the status of the person
- 12 as a director of the board or an officer or employee of the board
- 13 or Michigan early stage venture investment corporation, whether
- 14 or not the Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 15 would have the power to indemnify the person against that
- 16 liability under this subsection. The board or the Michigan early
- 17 stage venture investment corporation may by a majority vote of
- 18 the board obligate itself in advance to defend and indemnify
- 19 persons.
- Sec. 15. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, in
- 21 the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to
- 22 450.3192, by law, or in its articles of incorporation, a Michigan
- 23 early stage venture investment corporation may do or delegate any
- 24 act consistent with this act and the purposes of the nonprofit
- 25 corporation, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) Enter into contracts and all necessary activities in the
- 27 regular course of business of the Michigan early stage venture

- 1 investment corporation.
- 2 (b) Charge reasonable fees for the implementation of this act
- 3 and the ongoing operation of the Michigan early stage venture
- 4 investment corporation.
- 5 (c) Perform acts or enter into financial or other
- 6 transactions necessary to carry out its powers and duties under
- 7 this act.
- 8 (d) Invest in venture capital funds through equity
- 9 securities.
- (e) Employ a fund manager and other persons it considers
- 11 necessary to implement this act. The Michigan early stage
- 12 venture investment corporation shall employ only 1 fund manager
- 13 at any 1 time.
- 14 (2) The fund manager shall exercise the duties of a fiduciary
- 15 toward the corporation and shall discharge his or her duties with
- 16 the degree of diligence, care, and skill that an ordinarily
- 17 prudent person would exercise under the same or similar
- 18 circumstances in a like position.
- 19 (3) The fund manager shall solicit investors pursuant to
- **20** section 17.
- 21 (4) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 22 shall require the fund manager to develop procedures to evaluate
- 23 types of business and industry for investment purposes and to set
- 24 priorities as to which businesses are most likely to meet the
- 25 desired outcomes of the investment plan established under section
- 26 19 and which businesses conduct activities that are consistent
- 27 with the purposes of this act and of the fund. This evaluation

- 1 shall include, but not be limited to, the location of the firm
- 2 and the direct and indirect impact of the business on the
- 3 economic development of this state.
- 4 Sec. 17. (1) To secure investment in the fund, the Michigan
- 5 early stage venture investment corporation shall enter into
- 6 agreements with investors.
- 7 (2) Each agreement shall contain all of the following:
- 8 (a) An established and agreed-upon investment amount and
- 9 repayment schedule.
- 10 (b) A guaranteed negotiated amount or negotiated return on
- 11 qualified investment by the certified investor over the term of
- 12 the agreement.
- 13 (c) A maximum amount of credit that the investor may claim
- 14 under section 37e of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228,
- 15 MCL 208.37e, a successor tax to the single business tax act, 1975
- 16 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, or under section 270 of the income
- 17 tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.270, and the first year in
- 18 which that credit can be claimed.
- 19 (3) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 20 shall notify the department of treasury when agreements are
- 21 entered into under this section and send a copy of each agreement
- 22 to the department of treasury. The department of treasury shall
- 23 issue an approval letter to the investor that states that the
- 24 investor is entitled to a tax credit under section 37e of the
- 25 single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.37e, that is equal
- 26 to the difference between the amount actually repaid and the
- 27 amount set as the repayment due in the agreement entered into by

- 1 the investor and the fund manager.
- 2 (4) The fund shall repay any amounts due from proceeds from
- 3 the funds raised based on the agreements made under this
- 4 section.
- 5 (5) For tax years that begin after December 31, 2008,
- 6 investors that have certificates issued pursuant to section 23
- 7 may claim a credit under section 37e of the single business tax
- 8 act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.37e, or section 270 of the income tax
- 9 act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.270, as otherwise provided in
- 10 this act, equal to the difference between the amount actually
- 11 repaid and the amount set as the repayment due in the agreement
- 12 entered into by the taxpayer and the fund manager. The Michigan
- 13 early stage venture investment corporation shall notify the
- 14 department of treasury when credit certificates are issued under
- 15 section 23, and upon notification and approval by the department
- 16 of treasury under section 23, the amount of credit allowed
- 17 pursuant to the credit certificate becomes a debt of the fund to
- 18 the state subject to repayment pursuant to the agreement between
- 19 the Michigan early stage venture investment corporation and the
- 20 department of treasury. A debt under this section shall accrue
- 21 interest at the same rate as the interest paid to the investor.
- 22 (6) Repayment of a debt under this section may be restricted
- 23 to specific funds or assets of the Michigan early stage venture
- 24 investment corporation.
- 25 (7) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 26 may purchase securities and may manage, transfer, or dispose of
- 27 those securities.

- 1 (8) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 2 and its directors are not broker-dealers, agents, investment
- 3 advisors, or investment advisor representatives when carrying out
- 4 their duties and responsibilities under this act.
- 5 Sec. 19. (1) A Michigan early stage venture investment
- 6 corporation shall create a Michigan early stage venture
- 7 investment fund, which shall be a restricted fund.
- 8 (2) The fund manager shall establish an investment plan
- 9 approved by the board for the investment of the money in the fund
- 10 using the following criteria:
- 11 (a) Not more than 15% of the total capital and outstanding
- 12 commitments of the fund shall be invested in any single venture
- 13 capital company.
- 14 (b) The fund manager with the approval of the board shall
- 15 undertake to invest the fund in such a way as to promote that at
- 16 least \$2.00 will be invested in qualified businesses for every
- 17 \$1.00 of principal for which credits may be claimed under section
- 18 37e of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.37e, a
- 19 successor tax to the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL
- 20 208.1 to 208.145, or section 270 of the income tax act of 1967,
- 21 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.270.
- (c) That investments facilitate the transfer of technologies
- 23 from the state's various universities and research institutions.
- 24 (d) Any other professional portfolio management criteria that
- 25 the fund manager and board consider appropriate.
- (e) Priorities for investment in venture capital may be based
- 27 on an evaluation, which shall consider the following criteria:

- 1 (i) The retention of those businesses which would be likely
- 2 to leave this state absent the investment.
- 3 (ii) The revitalization and diversification of the economic
- 4 base of this state.
- 5 (iii) Generating and retaining jobs and investment in this
- 6 state.
- 7 (3) Consistent with the plan established under subsection
- 8 (2), the fund manager shall select venture capital companies from
- 9 among those venture capital companies that apply for money from
- 10 the fund considering the following criteria:
- 11 (a) The venture capital company's probability of success in
- 12 generating above-average returns through investing in qualified
- 13 businesses.
- 14 (b) The venture capital company's probability of success in
- 15 soliciting investments. The level of investment from the fund
- 16 committed to each venture capital company shall not be more than
- 17 25% of the venture capital company's total capital under
- 18 management.
- 19 (c) The venture capital company's probability of success as
- 20 it relates to the investment plan criteria under subsection
- **21** (2) (b).
- 22 (d) The venture capital company has a significant presence in
- 23 this state as determined by the Michigan early stage venture
- 24 investment corporation.
- 25 (e) The venture capital company will undertake to invest in
- 26 qualified businesses, as determined at the point of initial
- 27 investment, a percentage of invested capital equal to or greater

- 1 than the percentage of invested capital that the venture capital
- 2 company received from the fund.
- 3 (f) The venture capital company's consideration of minority
- 4 owned businesses in its investment activities.
- 5 Sec. 21. The fund manager shall file a report with the
- 6 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation that includes
- 7 an annual financial audit conducted by an independent auditor and
- 8 any other financial information and documentation required by the
- 9 Michigan early stage venture investment corporation to ensure the
- 10 proper administration and investment of the fund.
- 11 Sec. 23. (1) The Michigan early stage venture investment
- 12 corporation shall determine which investors are eligible for tax
- 13 credits under section 37e of the single business tax act, 1975 PA
- 14 228, MCL 208.37e, and section 270 of the income tax act of 1967,
- 15 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.270, and the amount of the tax credit under
- 16 those sections allowed to each investor.
- 17 (2) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 18 shall determine which investors are eligible for tax credits
- 19 under this section and submit proposed certificates that meet the
- 20 criteria under subsection (3) to the department of treasury for
- 21 approval. The department of treasury shall approve or deny
- 22 proposed certificates within 30 days after receipt of the
- 23 certificates. If the department of treasury denies a proposed
- 24 certificate, the department of treasury shall notify the Michigan
- 25 early stage venture investment corporation and the investor of
- 26 the denial and the reason for the denial. If a proposed
- 27 certificate is denied under this subsection, the Michigan early

- 1 stage venture investment corporation is not prohibited from
- 2 subsequently submitting a proposed certificate on behalf of that
- 3 same investor. If the department of treasury does not approve or
- 4 deny the certificates within 30 days, the certificates are
- 5 considered approved.
- **6** (3) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 7 shall issue a certificate approved under subsection (2) to each
- 8 investor that states all of the following:
- 9 (a) The taxpayer is an investor.
- 10 (b) The taxpayer's federal employer identification number or
- 11 the number assigned to the taxpayer by the department of treasury
- 12 for filing purposes under the single business tax act, 1975 PA
- 13 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145.
- 14 (c) The amount of the tax credit that the taxpayer may claim
- 15 against its tax liability under section 37e of the single
- 16 business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.37e, or section 270 of the
- 17 income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.270.
- 18 (d) The tax years for which the credit under subdivision (c)
- 19 may be claimed and the maximum annual amount that may be claimed
- 20 each tax year.
- 21 (e) The tax credit is refundable.
- 22 (4) The fund manager shall invest, budget, and plan scheduled
- 23 payments and repayments so that no credits are claimed under
- 24 section 37e of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL
- 25 208.37e, in any tax year before tax years that begin after
- 26 December 31, 2008.
- 27 (5) Certificates under this section shall be issued to an

- 1 investor at the time that the Michigan early stage venture
- 2 investment corporation determines that, for that investor,
- 3 capital is not sufficient to meet the quaranteed negotiated
- 4 amount or the negotiated return on qualified investment of that
- 5 investor. The total of all certificates issued under this
- 6 section shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed under section
- 7 37e(2) of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.37e.
- 8 (6) Certificates under this section shall not be issued until
- 9 December 31, 2008 or 5 years after all the requirements under
- 10 section 29 have been met, whichever occurs later.
- 11 Sec. 25. This act shall be construed liberally to
- 12 effectuate the legislative intent and its purposes. All powers
- 13 granted shall be cumulative and not exclusive and shall be
- 14 broadly interpreted to effectuate the intent and purposes and not
- 15 as a limitation of powers.
- 16 Sec. 27. The Michigan early stage venture investment
- 17 corporation shall publish an annual report not more than 3 months
- 18 after the close of the Michigan early stage venture investment
- 19 corporation's fiscal year that includes all of the following:
- (a) An enumeration of all investment and related activities
- 21 for the fiscal year.
- (b) Documentation and analysis of the implementation and
- 23 status of the Michigan early stage venture investment
- 24 corporation's investment plan and the economic impact of the plan
- 25 on this state, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 26 (i) The number of jobs represented by the investments made in
- 27 qualified businesses in this state.

- 1 (ii) Return on investment generated by investment, the types
- 2 of activities in which investment was made, and the impact of
- 3 that investment on the economic base of this state.
- 4 Sec. 29. Not later than 1 year after the effective date of
- 5 this act or 10 months after the Michigan early stage venture
- 6 investment corporation receives a determination from the internal
- 7 revenue service that it is exempt from taxation under section
- 8 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code, whichever
- 9 occurs later, all of the following shall occur:
- 10 (a) The Michigan early stage venture investment corporation
- 11 shall be established and the board appointed.
- 12 (b) A fund manager shall be hired by the Michigan early stage
- 13 venture investment corporation.
- 14 (c) An investment plan shall be established.
- 15 (d) Funds shall have been solicited and available for
- 16 investment consistent with the investment plan.
- 17 Sec. 31. The fund created in section 19 shall expire on
- 18 January 1, 2054. Any money in the fund, subject to all
- 19 outstanding debts and obligation of the Michigan early stage
- 20 venture investment corporation being defeased and satisfied,
- 21 shall be distributed as provided in the Michigan early stage
- 22 venture investment corporation's articles of incorporation or
- 23 amendments to those articles of incorporation transferred to the
- 24 general fund of this state on that date.
- 25 Sec. 33. This act does not take effect unless all of the
- 26 following bills of the 92nd Legislature are enacted into law:
- 27 (a) Senate Bill No. 835.

- 1 (b) House Bill No. 5322.
- 2 Enacting section 1. The state of Michigan has engaged in
- 3 activities on a regular basis and for a significant amount of
- 4 time intended to promote the overall economic development of the
- 5 state. The cost of funding these activities is recognized as a
- 6 burden on this state that can be lessened through the
- 7 establishment and registration of Michigan early stage venture
- 8 investment corporations and Michigan early stage venture capital
- 9 investment funds. By working cooperatively with this state,
- 10 Michigan early stage venture investment corporations will benefit
- 11 the general public, thus assisting this state in carrying out its
- 12 essential functions, including the promotion of economic
- 13 development in this state. If this legislation does not become
- 14 law, the opportunity to help carry that burden will be lost to
- 15 this state and a greater burden will remain on the government and
- 16 the general public for future activities to promote economic
- 17 development in this state.