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Introduced by Senators Birkholz, Thomas, Garcia and Brown

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 347

AN ACT to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "An act to meet deficiencies in state funds by providing for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment, and enforcement by lien and otherwise of taxes on or measured by net income; to prescribe the manner and time of making reports and paying the taxes, and the functions of public officers and others as to the taxes; to permit the inspection of the records of taxpayers; to provide for interest and penalties on unpaid taxes; to provide exemptions, credits and refunds of the taxes; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; to provide an appropriation; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 437 and 440 (MCL 206.437 and 206.440), section 437 as added by 2005 PA 249 and section 440 as amended by 2005 PA 160, and by adding section 435.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 435. (1) Except as otherwise provided under this section, for the 2008 tax year and each tax year after the 2008 tax year, an individual may designate in a manner and form as prescribed by the department pursuant to subsection (2) on his or her annual return that contributions of \$5.00, \$10.00, or more of his or her refund be credited to any of the following:

(a) For the 2010 tax year and each tax year after the 2010 tax year, the Michigan higher education assistance authority created in section 1 of 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951, for the children of veterans tuition grant program created in the children of veterans tuition grant act, 2005 PA 248, MCL 390.1341 to 390.1346. No money from the contributions designated to this subdivision shall be used for the purpose of administering this section.

(b) For the 2010 tax year and each tax year after the 2010 tax year, the children's trust fund created in 1982 PA 249, MCL 21.171 to 21.172.

(c) The prostate cancer research fund created in the prostate cancer research fund act.

(d) Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment created in the Amanda's fund for breast cancer prevention and treatment act.

(e) The animal welfare fund created in the animal welfare fund act.

(f) The Michigan housing and community development fund created in section 3 of the Michigan housing and community development fund act, 2004 PA 479, MCL 125.2823.

(2) The department shall establish and utilize a separate contributions schedule that incorporates each contribution designation authorized under this section that remains in effect and available for each tax year and shall revise the state individual income tax return form to include a separate line for the total contribution designations made under the separate contributions schedule. The contribution designations authorized under sections 437 and 440 shall remain on the first page of the state individual income tax return for the 2008 and 2009 tax years, but shall be incorporated into

the contributions schedule for the 2010 tax year and shall remain on the schedule until the contribution designation expires by law or is otherwise no longer available as determined by the department pursuant to subsection (3). A contribution designation that is enacted after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section shall be incorporated as soon as practical on the contributions schedule, and each new contribution designation shall be listed on the schedule in alphabetical order.

(3) The department may cease to include a contribution designation on the contributions schedule if that contribution designation fails to raise \$100,000.00 in any tax year for 2 consecutive tax years.

(4) If an individual's refund is not sufficient to make a contribution under this section, the individual may designate a contribution amount and that contribution amount shall be added to the individual's tax liability for the tax year.

(5) Notwithstanding any other allocations or disbursements required by this act, each year that a contribution designation under this section is in effect, an amount equal to the cumulative designation made under this section, less the amount appropriated to the department to implement this section, shall be appropriated from the general fund and distributed to the department responsible for administering the appropriate fund to which the taxpayer designated his or her contribution and shall be used solely for the purposes of that fund.

(6) Money appropriated pursuant to an appropriations act as required by law in accordance with this section to the department responsible for administering each respective fund shall be in addition to any other allocation or appropriation and is intended to enhance appropriations from the general fund and not to replace or supplant those appropriations.

Sec. 437. (1) For the 2006 tax year and each tax year after the 2006 tax year, an individual may designate on his or her annual return that a contribution of \$2.00 or more of his or her refund be credited to the Michigan higher education assistance authority created in section 1 of 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951, for the children of veterans tuition grant program created in the children of veterans tuition grant act, 2005 PA 248, MCL 390.1341 to 390.1346. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section or section 475, for the 2010 tax year and each tax year after the 2010 tax year, the contribution designation authorized under this section shall be offered and administered in accordance with section 435. If an individual's refund is not sufficient to make a contribution under this section, the individual may designate a contribution amount and that contribution amount shall be added to the individual's tax liability for the tax year.

(2) The tax designation authorized in this section shall be clearly and unambiguously printed on the first page of the state individual income tax return forms, if practical. Effective January 1, 2010, the contribution designation authorized in this section is no longer required to be printed on the first page of the state individual income tax return but shall be incorporated into the contributions schedule created by the department pursuant to section 435 and shall remain on the schedule until the contribution designation expires or is otherwise no longer available.

(3) Notwithstanding any other allocations or disbursements required by this act, each year that the contribution designation under this section is in effect, an amount equal to the cumulative contributions made under this section shall be appropriated from the general fund to the children of veterans tuition grant program of the Michigan higher education assistance authority, and the funds shall be distributed for programs allowed under the children of veterans tuition grant act, 2005 PA 248, MCL 390.1341 to 390.1346. No money from the contributions made pursuant to this section shall be used for the purpose of administering this section.

Sec. 440. (1) Effective for the tax year beginning January 1, 1982 and before January 1, 2005, an individual may designate on his or her annual return that a contribution of \$2.00 or more of his or her refund and for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2005, an individual may designate on his or her annual return that a contribution of \$5.00 or more of his or her refund be credited to the children's trust fund created in 1982 PA 249, MCL 21.171 to 21.172. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, for the tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2010, the contribution designation authorized under this section shall be offered and administered in accordance with section 435. If a taxpayer's refund is not sufficient to make a contribution under this section, the taxpayer may designate a contribution amount and that contribution amount shall be added to the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year.

(2) The contribution designation authorized in this section shall be clearly and unambiguously printed on the first page of the state individual income tax return. Effective January 1, 2010, the contribution designation authorized under this section is no longer required to be printed on the first page of the state individual income tax return but shall be incorporated into the contributions schedule created by the department pursuant to section 435 and shall remain on the schedule until the contribution designation expires or is otherwise no longer available.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) Senate Bill No. 16.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 348.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 350.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Richard J. Brown

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor