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Introduced by Reps. Wenke, Robert Jones, Bieda, Condino, Corriveau, Angerer and Dean

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5540

AN ACT to amend 1986 PA 281, entitled "An act to encourage local development to prevent conditions of unemployment and promote economic growth; to provide for the establishment of local development finance authorities and to prescribe their powers and duties; to provide for the creation of a board to govern an authority and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the creation and implementation of development plans; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to permit the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by an authority; to prescribe powers and duties of certain public entities and state officers and agencies; to reimburse authorities for certain losses of tax increment revenues; and to authorize and permit the use of tax increment financing," (MCL 125.2151 to 125.2174) by adding section 11b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 11b. (1) If the amount of tax increment revenues lost as a result of the personal property tax exemptions provided by section 1211(4) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211, section 3 of the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.903, section 14(4) of 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.564, and section 9k of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9k, will reduce the allowable school tax capture received in a fiscal year, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the authority, with approval of the department of treasury under subsection (3), may request the local tax collecting treasurer to retain and pay to the authority taxes levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, to be used for the following:

- (a) To repay an eligible advance.
- (b) To repay an eligible obligation.
- (c) To repay an other protected obligation.

(d) To pay an advance or an obligation identified in a development plan, or an amendment to that plan for property located in a certified technology park approved by board of the authority not later than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section if the plan contains all of the following and the plan for the capture of school taxes has been approved within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section:

- (i) A detailed description of the project.
- (ii) A statement of the estimated cost of the project.
- (iii) The specific location of the project.
- (iv) The name of any developer of the project.

(2) Not later than June 15 of 2008 and not later than June 1 of each subsequent year, an authority eligible under subsection (1) to have taxes levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, retained and paid to the authority under this section, shall apply for approval with the department of treasury. The application for approval shall include the following information:

(a) The property tax millage rates expected to be levied by local school districts within the jurisdictional area of the authority for school operating purposes for that fiscal year.

(b) The tax increment revenues estimated to be received by the authority for that fiscal year based upon actual property tax levies of all taxing jurisdictions within the jurisdictional area of the authority.

(c) The tax increment revenues the authority estimates it would have received for that fiscal year if the personal property tax exemptions described in subsection (1) were not in effect.

(d) A list of eligible obligations, eligible advances, other protected obligations, and advances and obligations described in subsection (1)(d) for expenditures authorized in a certified technology park; the payments due on each of those in that fiscal year; and the total amount of payments due on all of those in that fiscal year.

(e) The amount of money, other than tax increment revenues, estimated to be received in that fiscal year by the authority that is primarily pledged to, and to be used for, the payment of an eligible obligation, the repayment of an eligible advance, the payment of another protected obligation, or the payment of obligations or advances described in subsection (1)(d) for expenditures authorized in a certified technology park. That amount shall not include excess tax increment revenues of the authority that are permitted by law to be retained by the authority for purposes that further the development program. However, that amount shall include money to be obtained from sources authorized by law, which law is enacted on or after December 1, 1993, for use by the municipality or authority to finance a development plan.

(f) The amount of a distribution received pursuant to this act for a fiscal year in excess of or less than the distribution that would have been required if calculated upon actual tax increment revenues received for that fiscal year.

(3) Not later than August 15, based on the calculations under subsection (5), the department of treasury shall approve, modify, or deny the application for approval to have taxes levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, retained and paid to the authority under this section. If the application for approval contains the information required under subsection (2)(a) through (f) and appears to be in substantial compliance with the provisions of this section, then the department of treasury shall approve the application. If the application is denied by the department of treasury, then the department of treasury shall provide the opportunity for a representative of the authority to discuss the denial within 21 days after the denial occurs and shall sustain or modify its decision within 30 days after receiving information from the authority. If the application for approval is approved or modified by the department of treasury, the local tax collecting treasurer shall retain and pay to the authority the amount described in subsection (5) as approved by the department. If the department of treasury denies the authority's application for approval, the local tax collecting treasurer shall not retain or pay to the authority the taxes levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906. An approval by the department does not prohibit a subsequent audit of taxes retained in accordance with the procedures currently authorized by law.

(4) Each year, the legislature shall appropriate and distribute an amount sufficient to pay each authority the following:

(a) If the amount to be retained and paid under subsection (3) is less than the amount calculated under subsection (5), the difference between those amounts.

(b) If the application for approval is denied by the department of treasury, an amount verified by the department equal to the amount calculated under subsection (5).

(5) Subject to subsection (6), the aggregate amount under this section shall be the sum of the amounts determined under subdivisions (a) and (b) minus the amount determined under subdivision (c), as follows:

(a) The amount by which the tax increment revenues the authority would have received and retained for the fiscal year, excluding taxes exempt under section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ff, if the personal property tax exemptions described in subsection (1) were not in effect, exceed the tax increment revenues the authority actually received for the fiscal year.

(b) A shortfall required to be reported under subsection (2)(f) that had not previously increased a distribution.

(c) An excess amount required to be reported under subsection (2)(f) that had not previously decreased a distribution.

(6) A distribution or taxes retained under this section replacing tax increment revenues pledged by an authority or a municipality are subject to any lien of the pledge described in subsection (1), whether or not there has been physical delivery of the distribution.

(7) Obligations for which distributions are made under this section are not a debt or liability of this state; do not create or constitute an indebtedness, liability, or obligation of this state; and are not and do not constitute a pledge of the faith and credit of this state.

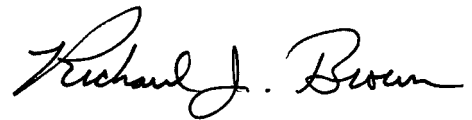
(8) Not later than September 15 of each year, the authority shall provide a copy of the application for approval approved by the department of treasury to the local tax collecting treasurer and provide the amount of the taxes retained and paid to the authority under subsection (5).

(9) Calculations of amounts retained and paid and appropriations to be distributed under this section shall be made on the basis of each development area of the authority.

(10) The state tax commission may provide that the reimbursement calculations under this section and the calculation of allowable capture of school taxes shall be made for each calendar year's tax increment revenues using a 12-month debt payment period used by the authority and approved by the state tax commission.

(11) It is the intent of the legislature that, to the extent that the total amount of taxes levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, that are allowed to be retained under this section and section 15a of the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2665a, section 12b of the tax increment financing act, 1980 PA 450, MCL 125.1812b, and section 13c of 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1663c, exceeds the difference of the total school aid fund revenue for the tax year minus the estimated amount of revenue the school aid fund would have received for the tax year had the tax exemptions described in subsection (1) and the earmark created by section 515 of the Michigan business tax act, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1515, not taken effect, the general fund shall reimburse the school aid fund the difference.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____

Governor