

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6242

A bill to create the Michigan new economy commission; to provide for its operation; to impose duties on certain state and local officials; to make recommendations and make certain reports; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Michigan new economy commission" or "commission" means
3 the Michigan new economy commission created under section 2.

4 (b) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic
5 fund under the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL
6 125.2001 to 125.2094.

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1 Sec. 2. (1) The Michigan new economy commission is created
2 within the Michigan strategic fund. The Michigan strategic fund
3 shall provide staff for the commission and shall carry out the
4 administrative duties and functions as directed by the commission.
5 The budgeting, procurement, and related functions as directed by
6 the commission are under the supervision of the president of the
7 Michigan strategic fund.

8 (2) The Michigan new economy commission shall consist of the
9 following members:

10 (a) The president of the Michigan strategic fund or his or her
11 designee, as a nonvoting member.

12 [(b)] The chief executive officer of the Michigan economic
13 development corporation or its successor, or his or her designee, as a
14 nonvoting member.

15 [(c)] The director of the Michigan state housing development
16 authority or his or her designee, as a nonvoting member.

17 [(d)] The director of the state transportation department or his
18 or her designee, as a nonvoting member.

19 [(e)] The superintendent of public instruction or his or her
20 designee, as a nonvoting member.

21 [(f)] The following members appointed by the governor, who shall
22 be representative of this state geographically, racially, and with
23 regard to gender, 1 of which as chairperson of the commission:

24 (i) One member of the house of representatives from a list of 3
25 or more members selected by the speaker of the house of
26 representatives.

27 (ii) One member of the house of representatives from a list of
28 3 or more members selected by the minority leader of the house of
29 representatives.

30 (iii) One member of the senate from a list of 3 or more members

1 selected by the majority leader of the senate.

2 (iv) One member of the senate from a list of 3 or more members
3 selected by the minority leader of the senate.

4 (v) One member representing new economy businesses.

5 (vi) One member representing cultural institutions.

6 (vii) One member representing institutions of higher education.

7 (viii) One member representing regional economic development.

8 (ix) One member representing small businesses.

9 (x) One member representing young professional organizations.

10 (xi) One member representing leadership organizations.

11 (xii) One member representing small business lending.

12 (xiii) One member representing foundations.

13 (xiv) One member representing early stage business financing.

14 (xv) One member representing cities, villages, townships, or
15 counties.

16 (xvi) Four members, at large.

17 (3) The members first appointed to the Michigan new economy
18 commission shall be appointed after January 15, 2011 and before
19 March 1, 2011.

20 (4) Members of the Michigan new economy commission shall be
21 appointed for terms of 4 years or until a successor is appointed,
22 whichever is later, except that of the members first appointed 8
23 shall be appointed for 1 year, 8 shall be appointed for 2 years,
24 and 7 shall be appointed for 3 years.

25 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the Michigan new economy
26 commission, the governor shall make an appointment for the
27 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

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1 (6) The governor may remove a member of the Michigan new
2 economy commission as provided in section 10 of article V of the
3 state constitution of 1963.

4 (7) The first meeting of the Michigan new economy commission
5 shall be called by the governor. At the first meeting, the Michigan
6 new economy commission shall elect from among its members a vice-
7 chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or
8 appropriate. After the first meeting, the Michigan new economy
9 commission shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the
10 call of the chairperson or if requested by 10 or more members.

11 (8) A majority of the members of the Michigan new economy
12 commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a
13 meeting of the Michigan new economy commission. A majority of the
14 members present and serving are required for official action of the
15 Michigan new economy commission.

16 (9) The business that the Michigan new economy commission may
17 perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the Michigan new
18 economy commission held in compliance with the open meetings act,
19 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

20 (10) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
21 retained by the Michigan new economy commission in the performance
22 of an official function is subject to the freedom of information
23 act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

24 (11) Members of the Michigan new economy commission shall
25 serve without compensation. [
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(12) The Michigan new economy commission shall do all of the following:

(a) Develop a statewide strategy for the enhancement, encouragement, and growth of the new economy in this state and to promote through public and private means responsive public policies, innovative private sector practices, and creative nonprofit initiatives.

(b) Research and evaluate studies conducted within this state and in other states to locate and identify best practices that easily transfer to this state.

(c) Provide recommendations on restructuring economic programs within state government to enhance new economy efforts.

(d) Provide strategies and propose legislation, if necessary, to provide linkage between programs to enhance the new economy.

(e) Establish metrics to measure the effect of the new economy on other sectors of the economy by developing and conducting extensive statewide research and creating a database from the results.

(f) Foster education and workforce development in the new economy sector by stimulating efforts to develop career pathways for new industries.

(g) Research the potential for an online resource directory, including, but not limited to, the development and promotion of a web-based resource highlighting the new economy and its member companies and organizations.

(h) Research the potential for a comprehensive communications

1 program targeting member communities, organizations, stakeholders,
2 and interested parties, including, but not limited to, the
3 promotion of networking across the new economy sector.

4 (i) Research methods to brand Michigan as a new economy
5 leader.

6 (j) Develop a strategic vision for this state that includes,
7 but is not limited to, all of the following:

8 (i) Economic development.

9 (ii) International issues.

10 (iii) Outdoor recreation.

11 (iv) Land use.

12 (v) Transit.

13 (vi) Green initiatives.

14 (k) Research, inventory, and evaluate the effectiveness,
15 including a benefit/cost analysis, of the economic development
16 tools used in this state benchmarked against other states.

17 Sec. 3. The Michigan new economy commission shall report to
18 the governor, the house of representatives, and the senate the
19 results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations
20 together with drafts of legislation, if any, on or before January
21 1, 2012.

22 Sec. 4. The Michigan new economy commission shall annually
23 submit on or before December 1 a written report of its activities
24 during the previous fiscal year to the clerk of the house of
25 representatives and the secretary of the senate. The report shall
26 include proposed changes to any statute or any rule promulgated
27 pursuant to state law, necessary to promote the new economy in this

1 state.

2 Sec. 5. This act is repealed on October 1, 2015.