

HOUSE BILL No. 5287

February 11, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Irwin, Slavens, Barnett, LaVoy and Schor and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to create the Michigan progress board; to provide for its operation; to impose duties on certain state and local officials; and to make recommendations and make certain reports.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the department of technology,
3 management, and budget.

4 (b) "Michigan progress board" or "board" means the Michigan
5 progress board created under section 2.

6 Sec. 2. (1) The Michigan progress board is created within the
7 executive office of the governor. The executive office of the
8 governor shall provide staff for the board and shall carry out the
9 administrative duties and functions as directed by the board.

1 (2) The Michigan progress board shall consist of the following
2 members:

3 (a) The governor, or the governor's delegee, who shall serve
4 as chairperson of the board.

5 (b) Nine members appointed by the governor, who shall be
6 representative of this state in ethnic, cultural, social, and
7 economic diversity and with not less than 5 of those members who
8 shall be residents of different congressional districts in this
9 state.

10 (c) The director of the department of technology, management,
11 and budget, as a nonvoting member.

12 (d) A high school or college student who resides in this state
13 selected by the governor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
14 governor, as a nonvoting member.

15 (e) One member of the house of representatives selected by the
16 speaker of the house of representatives.

17 (f) One member of the senate selected by the majority leader
18 of the senate.

19 (3) Members of the board approved by the governor shall be
20 appointed for terms of 4 years or until a successor is appointed,
21 whichever is later, except that of the members first appointed 2
22 shall be appointed for 1 year, 4 shall be appointed for 2 years,
23 and 4 shall be appointed for 3 years.

24 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the vacancy shall be
25 filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original
26 appointment.

27 (5) The first meeting of the board shall be called by the

1 governor. At the first meeting, the board shall elect from among
2 its members a vice-chairperson and other officers as it considers
3 necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the board shall
4 meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the
5 chairperson or if requested by 6 or more members.

6 (6) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum
7 for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A
8 majority of the members present and serving are required for
9 official action of the board.

10 (7) The business that the board may perform shall be conducted
11 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open
12 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

13 (8) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
14 retained by the board in the performance of an official function is
15 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
16 to 15.246.

17 (9) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
18 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for their actual
19 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
20 official duties as members of the board.

21 (10) The Michigan progress board shall develop an initial
22 strategy for this state that addresses the economic, social,
23 cultural, environmental, and other needs and aspirations of the
24 people of this state. The initial strategy developed by the board
25 shall address issues that the board determines are necessary and
26 appropriate to Michigan's future, which issues shall include all of
27 the following:

1 (a) Education.

2 (b) Workforce development.

3 (c) Public and private cooperation.

4 (d) Environmental quality.

5 (e) Infrastructure maintenance.

6 (f) Funding and taxation.

7 (g) Quality of life.

8 (h) Such other issues as the board, by majority vote, shall
9 add to the initial strategy.

10 (11) After developing the initial strategy, the board shall
11 hold public hearings, public meetings, and workshops as needed to
12 ensure the participation of a broad cross section of Michigan's
13 population in consideration of the strategy. The board shall
14 publicize the public hearings, public meetings, and workshops in
15 each city in which they are held and shall allow interested
16 residents and other individuals to appear and be heard by the
17 board.

18 (12) After considering any written comments and public
19 testimony relating to the proposed strategy, the board shall revise
20 the initial strategy as it considers necessary or appropriate. The
21 board, by a vote of a majority of its members, shall approve and
22 adopt a final strategy. The board shall submit, in addition to its
23 adopted strategy, a summary and digest of comments and public
24 testimony and its response, if any, to those comments. The adopted
25 strategy shall be submitted to each house of the legislature not
26 later than March 15, 2017, and every 8 years thereafter.

27 (13) As a part of the strategy adopted under this section, the

1 board shall also recommend statutory or other policy changes,
2 including modifications in public fiscal policies and other
3 implementing actions to be carried out by state and local
4 governments, businesses, private citizens, and other organizations.

5 (14) The board shall, in its adopted strategy, include a
6 series of goals for Michigan's progress for 20 years into the
7 future. The goals shall include measurable indicators of success,
8 as the board shall determine, that show the extent to which each
9 goal is being achieved.

10 (15) The legislature shall review the goals and make
11 recommendations to amend the strategy and goals. The board may
12 consider recommendations by the legislature as it considers
13 appropriate.

14 (16) The Michigan progress board shall prepare, at least once
15 each biennium, a report that describes Michigan's progress toward
16 achievement of the board's strategy, based on the Michigan
17 benchmarks the board adopts for measuring the attainment of
18 strategic goals. The board shall review the Michigan benchmarks
19 each biennium and make any modification necessary to improve the
20 accuracy or comprehensiveness of the measures. The report shall
21 include an analysis of issues and trends of strategic significance
22 and shall propose key steps that this state should take over the
23 following 2 years to build for Michigan's future. The board shall
24 submit the report to each house of the legislature for review.