

HOUSE BILL No. 5082

October 11, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 3103b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 3103B. (1) IT IS THE GOAL OF THIS STATE TO ACCELERATE THE
2 PACE OF PROGRESS FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY TO REACH A GOAL OF 25%
3 IMPROVEMENT IN WATER QUALITY BY DECEMBER 31, 2025. FOR PURPOSES OF
4 MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL, STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
5 SHALL USE A BASELINE OF WATER QUALITY INDICATORS ON JANUARY 1,
6 2020.

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT,

1 AND THE OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES SHALL JOINTLY CONDUCT A BROAD
2 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS ACROSS THIS STATE SEEKING
3 INPUT ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) .
4 BEFORE BEGINNING THE PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS, THE
5 STATE AGENCIES LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONSULT WITH LOCAL
6 UNITS OF GOVERNMENT. THE INITIAL PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
7 PROCESS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
8 OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

9 (3) WITH RESPECT TO THE GOAL ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (1) ,
10 THE PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS MUST INCLUDE, BUT IS
11 NOT LIMITED TO, OBTAINING INPUT ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) WHETHER ADDITIONAL DATA OR ANALYSES ARE NEEDED AND HOW THE
13 DATA OR ANALYSES CAN BE USED TO ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE
14 PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL.

15 (B) MECHANISMS TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY AND COST-BENEFIT
16 ANALYSES TO ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE
17 GOAL.

18 (C) WHETHER CHANGES TO THIS PART OR OTHER STATE LAW WOULD BE
19 HELPFUL TO ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE
20 GOAL.

21 (D) WHETHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS OR AUTHORITIES COULD BE
22 ADDED OR MODIFIED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR
23 MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL.

24 (E) OPTIONS TO PRIORITIZE, SEQUENCE, AND LOCATE MULTIPLE-
25 BENEFIT PRACTICES, PROJECTS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO
26 ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL.

27 (F) OPTIONS TO LEVERAGE NONSTATE FUNDING FOR PRACTICES,

1 PROJECTS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR
2 MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL.

3 (G) WHETHER TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVATE SECTOR ROLES OR INVESTMENTS
4 COULD BE USED TO ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD
5 THE GOAL.

6 (H) HOW TO ACCOMPLISH PERSONAL, COMMUNITY, ECOLOGICAL, AND
7 ECONOMIC HEALTH OBJECTIVES AND GOALS AS PART OF ACCELERATING,
8 SUSTAINING, OR MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL.

9 (I) HOW WATER SAFETY AND QUALITY PARAMETERS FOR SUBSTANCES
10 SUCH AS CHLORIDE, INFECTIOUS AGENTS, PHOSPHORUS, SEDIMENT,
11 NITRATES, AND LEAD CAN ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE PROGRESS
12 TOWARD THE GOAL.

13 (J) INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELEVANT AND USEFUL BY THE STATE
14 AGENCIES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2) THAT WOULD ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN,
15 OR MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL.

16 (4) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY
17 ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE STATE AGENCIES LISTED IN
18 SUBSECTION (2) SHALL JOINTLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND
19 THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE WITH PRIMARY
20 JURISDICTION OVER ISSUES PERTAINING TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
21 ENVIRONMENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
22 PROCESS AND THE INPUT RECEIVED. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE ANY POLICY
23 AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THIS INPUT THAT WILL
24 ACCELERATE, SUSTAIN, OR MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL
25 ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (1).