

HOUSE BILL NO. 5924

June 25, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Lower and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1985 PA 227, entitled
"Shared credit rating act,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 141.1057), as amended by 2012 PA 439,
and by adding section 16e.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7. The board has all of the following powers:
2 (a) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs.
3 (b) To adopt an official seal.
4 (c) To maintain a principal office at a place within this
5 state.



1 (d) To sue and be sued in its own name and to plead and be
2 impleaded.

3 (e) To loan money to a governmental unit, or to a nonprofit
4 corporation, trust, or similar entity for the benefit of a public
5 school academy, at a rate or rates as the authority determines and
6 to purchase and sell, and to commit to purchase and sell, municipal
7 obligations pursuant to this act.

8 (f) To borrow money and issue negotiable revenue bonds and
9 notes pursuant to this act.

10 (g) To make and enter into contracts and other instruments
11 necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the
12 exercise of its powers. By rotating the services of legal counsel,
13 the authority shall seek to increase the pool of nationally
14 recognized bond counsel.

15 (h) To receive and accept from any source grants or
16 contributions of money, property, or other things of value,
17 excluding appropriations from the general fund of this state except
18 for appropriations to be used for the benefit of public schools,
19 except for appropriations to a reserve fund established under
20 section 16, except for appropriations to the state water pollution
21 control revolving fund established under section 16a and except for
22 appropriations to the state drinking water revolving fund
23 established under section 16b, and except for appropriations to the
24 school loan revolving fund established under section 16c, to be
25 used, held, and applied only for the purposes for which the grants
26 and contributions were made.

27 (i) To do all acts necessary or convenient to carry out the
28 powers expressly granted.

29 (j) To require that final actions of the board are entered in



1 the journal for the board and that all writings prepared, owned,
2 used, in the possession of, or retained by the board in the
3 performance of an official function be made available to the public
4 in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL
5 15.231 to 15.246.

6 (k) To engage the services of private consultants on a
7 contract basis for rendering professional and technical assistance
8 and advice.

9 (l) To investigate and assess the infrastructure needs of this
10 state, current methods of financing infrastructure rehabilitation
11 and improvements, and resources and financing options currently
12 available and potentially useful to improve this state's
13 infrastructure and lower the costs of those improvements.

14 (m) To indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying members of
15 the board from personal loss or accountability from liability
16 asserted by a person on bonds or notes of the authority or from any
17 personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of
18 the bonds or notes, or by reason of any other action taken or the
19 failure to act by the authority.

20 (n) To investigate and assess short-term and long-term
21 borrowing requirements for operating, capital improvements, and
22 delinquent taxes.

23 (o) To provide assistance, as that term is defined in section
24 5301 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
25 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.5301, to any municipality for a revolving fund
26 project and to perform all functions necessary or incident to
27 providing that assistance and to the operation of the state water
28 pollution control revolving fund established under section 16a.

29 (p) To enter into agreements with the federal government to



1 implement the establishment and operation of the state water
2 pollution control revolving fund established under section 16a
3 pursuant to the provisions of the federal water pollution control
4 act and the rules and regulations promulgated under that act.

5 (q) To provide assistance, as that term is defined in part 54
6 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
7 451, MCL 324.5401 to 324.5418, to any governmental unit for a
8 revolving fund community water supply or noncommunity water supply
9 and to perform all functions necessary or incident to providing
10 that assistance and to the operation of the state drinking water
11 revolving fund established under section 16b, including, but not
12 limited to, using funding allocated in the federal safe drinking
13 water act for any of the purposes authorized in section 5417(c) of
14 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
15 451, MCL 324.5417.

16 (r) To enter into agreements with the federal government to
17 establish and operate the state drinking water revolving fund under
18 section 16b pursuant to the provisions of the federal safe drinking
19 water act and the rules and regulations promulgated under that act.

20 (s) To enter into agreements with the state treasurer to act
21 as this state's agent to implement the establishment and operation
22 of the school loan revolving fund established under section 16c,
23 including provisions relating to the return to this state of
24 contributions made by this state for deposit in the school loan
25 revolving fund that are no longer needed for school loan revolving
26 fund purposes and the assignment to this state of loans and loan
27 repayments made from or payable to the school loan revolving fund.

28 (t) To enter into agreements with the state treasurer for the
29 purchase, assignment, or transfer of emergency loan board loans and



1 the repurchase, reassignment, or transfer of those loans.

2 (u) To enter into agreements with the state treasurer to
3 establish and operate a short-term state financing program to make
4 advance payments of certain deferred property taxes to certain
5 governmental units as provided in section 16e.

6 Sec. 16e. (1) From available funds, the authority shall
7 establish and operate a short-term state financing program to make
8 interest-free loans to counties for distribution to eligible taxing
9 authorities for the deferral of certain summer 2020 property taxes
10 as provided under section 44f of the general property tax act, 1893
11 PA 206, MCL 211.44f. The terms of the short-term loans and the
12 repayment provisions shall be determined by the state treasurer.

13 (2) As used in this section, "eligible taxing authority" and
14 "summer 2020 property taxes" mean those terms as defined in section
15 44f of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.44f.

