

HOUSE BILL NO. 5927

June 25, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Hertel, Sabo, Pagan, Clemente, Hood, Kuppa and Hope and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 18505a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 18505a. (1) The social work reinvestment advisory
- 2 committee is created in the department.
- 3 (2) Subject to subsection (3), the advisory committee consists
- 4 of a representative from the department and additional members



1 appointed by the director representing each of the following:

2 (a) The board.

3 (b) Two deans of social work programs in this state.

4 (c) One individual representing the department of health and
5 human services.

6 (d) Individuals representing 2 local health departments.

7 (e) One individual representing the Michigan chapter of the
8 National Association of Social Workers.

9 (f) One individual representing the Michigan Association of
10 School Social Workers.

11 (g) Two licensed master's social workers.

12 (h) Two licensed bachelor's social workers.

13 (3) The director shall ensure that the members appointed to
14 the advisory committee represent the gender and racial composition
15 of the practice of social work at the bachelor's and master's level
16 in this state.

17 (4) The director shall appoint the members of the advisory
18 committee within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory
19 act that added this section.

20 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the director shall
21 make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as
22 the original appointment.

23 (6) The director may remove a member of the advisory committee
24 for incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
25 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

26 (7) The director shall call the first meeting of the advisory
27 committee. At the first meeting, the advisory committee shall elect
28 from among its members a chairperson and other officers as it
29 considers necessary or appropriate.



1 (8) A majority of the members of the advisory committee
2 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of
3 the advisory committee. A majority of the members present and
4 serving are required for official action of the advisory committee.

5 (9) The business that the advisory committee performs must be
6 conducted at a public meeting of the advisory committee held in
7 compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to
8 15.275.

9 (10) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
10 retained by the advisory committee in the performance of an
11 official function is subject to the freedom of information act,
12 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

13 (11) Members of the advisory committee serve without
14 compensation. However, members of the advisory committee are
15 entitled to expenses incurred in performance of official duties in
16 accordance with section 1216.

17 (12) The advisory committee shall review and make findings and
18 recommendations regarding at least all of the following:

19 (a) The number of licensed bachelor's social workers and
20 licensed master's social workers needed to adequately serve this
21 state's population.

22 (b) Demographics on licensed bachelor's social workers and
23 licensed master's social workers.

24 (c) Opportunities in which licensed bachelor's social workers
25 and licensed master's social workers could serve and respond to the
26 needs of individuals, groups, and communities in this state on
27 issues related to aging, child welfare, the provision of social
28 services, the criminal justice system, mental health, and substance
29 use disorder services, and any other issues that the advisory



1 committee considers relevant.

2 (d) How compensation and student loan debt impacts the job
3 satisfaction and job performance of licensed bachelor's social
4 workers and licensed master's social workers and individuals
5 entering into the profession.

6 (e) Sources of funding to adequately compensate licensed
7 bachelor's social workers and licensed master's social workers and
8 to increase their numbers in this state.

9 (13) Not later than 18 months after the effective date of the
10 amendatory act that added this section, the advisory committee
11 shall submit a report to the department and to the standing
12 committees of the senate and house of representatives with
13 jurisdiction over issues primarily pertaining to health policy,
14 containing the advisory committee's findings and recommendations.

15 (14) After the department receives the recommendations from
16 the advisory committee under subsection (13), the advisory
17 committee is abolished.

18 (15) As used in this section, "advisory committee" means the
19 social work reinvestment advisory committee created in subsection
20 (1).

