

**FY 2024-25: LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**  
**Summary: As Passed by the Senate**  
**Senate Bill 764 (S-1)**



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	FY 2023-24 Enacted as of 2/7/24	FY 2024-25 Executive	FY 2024-25 House	FY 2024-25 Senate	FY 2024-25 Conference	Difference: Senate From FY 2023-24 Enacted Amount %	
<b>IDG/IDT</b>	\$46,897,200	\$27,682,800	\$27,682,800	\$27,682,800		(\$19,214,400)	(41.0)
<b>Federal</b>	50,004,200	30,471,300	30,471,300	30,471,300		(19,532,900)	(39.1)
<b>Local</b>	0	0	0	0		0	--
<b>Private</b>	0	0	0	0		0	--
<b>Restricted</b>	259,708,400	280,707,400	277,507,400	286,707,400		26,999,000	10.4
<b>GF/GP</b>	271,331,100	296,605,700	300,805,700	296,450,700		25,119,600	9.3
<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$627,940,900</b>	<b>\$635,467,200</b>	<b>\$636,467,200</b>	<b>\$641,312,200</b>		<b>\$13,371,300</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	1,893.9	1,818.0	1,816.0	1,818.0		(75.9)	(4.0)

*Note: Appropriation figures for FY 2024-25 include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."*

**Overview**

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is the state's primary regulatory entity. The department oversees regulation across a variety of sectors, including commercial and occupational activities, construction and fire safety, health care and human services, public utilities, liquor control, and cannabis. Units within LARA also conduct and adjudicate administrative hearings, oversee rules promulgation, provide support for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission and the Unarmed Combat Commission, and administer multiple grant programs, including Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grants.

**Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations**

**1. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grants**

Executive includes \$37.4 million GF/GP to support grant distributions to district and circuit court funding units to fund the state's projected share of FY 2024-25 costs associated with MIDC standards 1-8 and the indigency standard. Of the total, \$24.6 million is included for compliance with standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, which pertain to the education and training of defense counsel, timing and location of attorney-client interviews, defense investigations and experts, presence of counsel at first appearance and other trial stages, independence of indigent criminal defense services from the judiciary, and attorney compensation, contracting, and payments; \$12.9 million is included for costs incurred for compliance with MIDC standards 6 and 7, which pertain to indigent defense workloads and attorney qualification and review. House and Senate concur.

	FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)	FY 2024-25 Senate Change
<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$220,917,400</b>	<b>\$37,427,900</b>
Restricted	300,000	0
GF/GP	\$220,617,400	\$37,427,900

**2. Executive Order 2023-6 Implementation**

Executive reflects the removal of \$25.6 million Gross (\$4.4 million GF/GP) and 147.0 FTE positions to effectuate the reorganization of various childcare and educational functions within the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, required under EO 2023-6. This adjustment would result in the complete removal of functions related to childcare and camps licensing from LARA. House and Senate concur.

FTE	NA	(147.0)
<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>(\$25,586,500)</b>
IDG/IDT	NA	(20,653,100)
Restricted	NA	(544,600)
GF/GP	NA	(\$4,388,800)

		FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)	FY 2024-25 Senate Change
<b>Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations</b>			
<b>3. Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development</b>	FTE	2.0	(2.0)
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$21,300,000</b>	<b>(\$21,300,000)</b>
(a) <u>Executive</u> removes \$21.3 million Gross (\$20.0 million one-time Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; \$1.3 million one-time GF/GP) included in the FY 2023-24 budget for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	Federal	20,000,000	(20,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$1,300,000	(\$1,300,000)
(b) <u>House</u> includes \$500,000 GF/GP (one-time) for FY 2024-25 grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects, which include renewable natural gas facilities and electric vehicle fast-charging infrastructure on publicly owned land within 1,000 feet of a U.S. highway or state trunkline roadway. From the gross funding total, \$125,000 and authorization for 1.0 FTE is provided for the Public Service Commission to administer the grant program. <u>House</u> also includes boilerplate section 1004, which directs the department to expend \$5.0 million of unexpended work project appropriations for this purpose. <u>Senate</u> does not include.	FTE	NA	0.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>4. Clean Energy Implementation</b>	FTE	NA	31.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$5.8 million of state restricted funding authorization from Public Utility Assessments and authorization for 31.0 FTE positions to support the implementation and administration of responsibilities under 2023 PAs 229, 231, 233, 234, and 235, colloquially referred to as the "clean energy package". Funding would be utilized to support staffing costs within the Public Service Commission (PSC), Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, and Administrative Services line items. Departmental responsibilities under the acts include reviewing renewable energy plans, expanding reviews of Integrated Resource Plan and Energy Waste Reduction filings, and PSC oversight of renewable energy facility siting. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$5,822,700</b>
	Restricted	NA	5,822,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>5. Michigan Saves</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$5,500,000</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>
<u>Executive</u> removes \$5.5 million GF/GP (one-time) that was appropriated in FY 2023-24 for Michigan Saves, a non-profit green bank. <u>House</u> includes \$5.0 million GF/GP one-time for Michigan Saves for FY 2024-25. Funding would be used to offer credit enhancement tools intended to incentivize lending at lower rates and under better terms for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement loans to commercial, residential, and public entities. Such credit enhancement tools would include a loan loss reserve fund. <u>Senate</u> includes \$4.0 million GF/GP (ongoing) for this purpose.	GF/GP	\$5,500,000	(\$1,500,000)
<b>6. Elevator Inspections</b>	FTE	NA	10.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$4.4 million of state restricted funding authorization from Elevator Fees and authorization for 10.0 FTE positions to hire additional elevator inspectors within the Bureau of Construction Codes to address significant inspection backlogs. Additional funding is available because of administrative rule changes that increased certain elevator fees effective June 2023. <u>House</u> includes \$2.2 million of state restricted funding authorization and authorization for 5.0 FTE positions for this purpose. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$4,400,000</b>
	Restricted	NA	4,400,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0

<b>Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations</b>		<b>FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)</b>	<b>FY 2024-25 Senate Change</b>
<b>7. Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA)</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$3.4 million of additional state restricted funding authorization from marihuana funds and authorization for 9.0 FTEs to hire additional CRA staff and to support the statewide marihuana monitoring system, which tracks marihuana inventory and sales. Approximately \$2.0 million of the increase would be allocated for costs associated with the monitoring system; this increase would allow for the elimination of monthly user license fees which currently support the system. The remaining \$1.4 million would be allocated for increased staffing. Additional staff would include 4.0 positions within the Legal Section, 2.0 positions within the License Maintenance Section, 1.0 auditor within the Financial Compliance Section, and 2.0 fire inspectors. <u>House</u> includes \$1.4 million in additional state restricted funding authorization and FTE authorization for additional staff but does not include funding for the statewide marihuana monitoring system. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	FTE	173.0	9.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$28,004,600</b>	<b>\$3,448,500</b>
	Restricted	28,004,600	3,448,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
<b>8. Cannabis Regulatory Agency – Attorney General</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$2.0 million of state restricted funding authorization from marihuana funds to support costs incurred by the Department of Attorney General for increased enforcement activities conducted in the cannabis sector. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$2,049,600</b>
	Restricted	NA	2,049,600
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>9. Nursing Home Surveys and Investigations</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.9 million GF/GP and authorization for 12.0 FTE positions to hire additional staff to offset increased workloads associated with health and long-term care facilities and to conduct surveys and investigations of nursing homes. The increased staffing would assist with federal performance measure compliance. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> includes \$1.7 million of state restricted funding authorization from Health Systems Fees and authorization for 12.0 FTE positions for this purpose.	FTE	NA	12.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,700,000</b>
	Restricted	NA	1,700,00
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>10. Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) Authorization Increase</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$1.5 million of state restricted funding authorization from 4 separate funds for the BPL line item. This authorization increase would allow LARA to properly align staff with the relevant fund to support the specific work being completed. This alignment would assist the department with auditing and would prevent expenditures from funds with insufficient revenue. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	FTE	202.0	0.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$40,966,500</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
	Restricted	40,587,800	1,500,000
	GF/GP	\$378,700	\$0
<b>11. Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) Authorization Increase</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.5 million of state restricted funding authorization from the Construction Code Fund and authorization for 2.0 FTE positions to hire additional regulation agents within the BCC to address a backlog of builder-related complaints. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	FTE	172.0	2.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$26,634,900</b>	<b>\$1,486,300</b>
	Restricted	25,335,600	1,486,300
	GF/GP	\$1,299,300	\$0
<b>12. Utility Consumer Representation</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$1.3 million in state restricted funding authorization from the Utility Consumer Representation Fund for Utility Consumer Representation to reflect base contribution adjustments that were made via 2023 PA 231. These adjustments increase the amount available from the fund. The increase would bring total funding for Utility Consumer Representation to \$2.1 million, which supports grants administered by the Utility Consumer Participation Board and awarded to nonprofit organizations and local units of government (upon application and approval) for representation and advancement of residential utility customers' interests in administrative and judicial proceedings. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
	Restricted	850,000	1,250,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0

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<b>13. Medication Aide Program Implementation</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.1 million of state restricted funding authorization from the Nurse Aide and Medication Aide Registration Fund and authorization for 7.0 FTE positions to hire additional staff to administer medication aide training and certification requirements created by 2023 PA 273. Funding would also be used to develop and implement a medication aide training curriculum, testing requirements, and to improve regulatory compliance. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	FTE	NA	7.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,062,200</b>
	Restricted GF/GP	NA	1,062,200 \$0
<b>14. PSC 5-Year Energy Waste Reduction and Demand Response Study</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.0 million of state restricted funding authorization to support consulting services that would be necessary for PSC to fulfill a requirement for 5-year studies on statewide energy waste reduction and demand response potential. The requirement for studies is established within 2016 PA 341. <u>House</u> concurs but designates the funding as one-time. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
	Restricted GF/GP	0 \$0	1,000,000 \$0
<b>15. Sign Language Qualified Interpreters</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$800,000 GF/GP to support the Qualified Interpreter Program (QIP) within the Bureau of Community and Health Systems. The QIP is responsible for certifying, credentialing, and endorsing qualified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters. The funding would support 3.0 new full-time staff positions, updates to database systems, and evaluation of testing methodologies for ASL interpreters. <u>House</u> does not include. <u>Senate</u> includes \$800,000 of state restricted funding authorization from Health Systems Fees for this purpose.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
	Restricted GF/GP	NA	800,000 \$0
<b>16. PSC Authorization Increase</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$562,600 of additional state restricted funding authorization from Public Utility Assessments to allow the PSC to hire personnel to fill currently vacant FTE positions. The FTEs would assist with the PSC's call center and customer outreach activities. PSC activity levels are expected to increase due to statutory changes and new programs that the PSC is responsible for implementing and administering, including changes made under the clean energy package and a FY 2023-24 grant program. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	FTE	195.0	0.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$34,941,000</b>	<b>\$562,600</b>
	Federal	3,078,600	0
	Restricted GF/GP	31,862,400 \$0	562,600 \$0
<b>17. Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau (CSCLB) Authorization Increase</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$550,000 of state restricted funding authorization from Corporation Fees to allow the CSCLB to fill vacant FTE positions and to reinstate senior-level positions. These positions would be used to address increased work volumes resulting from growth in the number of active business entities regulated by the CSCLB. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	FTE	109.0	0.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$15,854,400</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>
	Restricted GF/GP	15,854,400 \$0	550,000 \$0
<b>18. Consultation, Education, and Performance Office</b>			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$400,000 of additional state restricted funding authorization from 6 fund sources to support the creation of a Consultation, Education, and Performance Office within the department. This office would provide educational outreach and consultation to licensees and stakeholders, consolidate educational resources, and promote careers in the professions that LARA regulates. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
	Restricted GF/GP	0 \$0	400,000 \$0

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<b>19. Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules IDG Increase</b>	FTE	194.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes a \$385,000 increase from IDG/IDT authorization for the MOAHR line item to reflect an increased IDG amount from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) for administrative hearings administered on behalf of MDOC. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$38,840,500</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>
	IDG/IDT	26,671,100	385,000
	Restricted	11,478,700	0
	GF/GP	\$690,700	\$0
<b>20. PSC IT Systems</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$261,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> includes \$261,000 of additional state restricted funding authorization from Public Utility Assessments to support the gas safety data management system and the geospatial data system, which are both utilized by the PSC. The gas safety data management system contains thousands of records and supports numerous programs within PSC's Gas Safety and Operations Division through tracking, monitoring and report generation functionalities. Funding for the geospatial data system would be used to expand current energy system geospatial data collection. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	Restricted	NA	261,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>21. Bureau of Fire Services – Smoke Detectors</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>Executive</u> removes \$1.0 million GF/GP (one-time) that was appropriated in FY 2023-24 for the Bureau of Fire Services to purchase and distribute smoke detectors to residents of this state. <u>House</u> includes \$250,000 GF/GP (one-time) for this purpose in FY 2024-25. <u>Senate</u> includes \$1.0 million of state restricted funding authorization from Corporation Fees for this purpose.	Restricted	0	1,000,000
	GF/GP	\$1,000,000	(\$1,000,000)
<b>22. Implicit Bias Study</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> includes \$250,000 of state restricted funding authorization from the Health Professions Regulatory Fund (one-time) to allow LARA to collaborate with an external research entity to evaluate the effect of required implicit bias training for health professionals on access to and delivery of health care services. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	Restricted	0	250,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
<b>23. MIDC Limited-Term Staff</b>	FTE	NA	0.0
<u>House</u> includes \$250,000 GF/GP (one-time) to allow the MIDC to hire limited-term staff or to contract with an external vendor to conduct financial examinations into how MIDC grants awards are used by grant recipients. <u>Senate</u> does not include.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>24. IT Software Licensing</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$100,000 of state restricted funding authorization from 3 fund sources to support the department's share of a contract increase with the Microsoft corporation. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	Restricted	NA	100,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>25. FTE Authorization Increases</b>	FTE	234.9	2.1
<u>Executive</u> increases authorization in the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) and Bureau of Survey and Certification (BSC) line items by 2.1 FTE positions. The additional authorization for the BFS would be utilized to fill an IT specialist position to work on geographic information systems and a departmental analyst position to coordinate external events and control inventory. The 0.1 FTE position for the BSC would allow the department to maximize the use of a fractional FTE position that is currently appropriated. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.			
<b>26. Cannabis Regulatory Agency Social Equity Program</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>(\$1,000,000)</b>
(a) <u>Executive</u> removes \$1.0 million of state restricted funding authorization (one-time) from the Marihuana Regulation Fund (adult-use) included in the FY 2023-24 budget to support the CRA's Social Equity Program, which promotes participation in the cannabis sector by people from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marihuana prohibition and enforcement. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	Restricted	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0

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<b><u>Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations</u></b>			
(b) <u>Senate</u> includes \$1.0 million of state restricted funding authorization (one-time) from the Marihuana Regulation Fund (adult-use) for this purpose in the FY2024-25 budget.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
	Restricted	NA	1,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>27. Technical Adjustments</b>	FTE	NA	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes internal FTE adjustments, funding adjustments, and transfers throughout the budget, which have no overall impact on Gross, GF/GP, or FTE position authorization. Adjustments are made to reflect employee counts more accurately and to align funding authorization with revenue received and department operations and activities. Also includes the consolidation of 2 separate line items that support Michigan Liquor Control Commission activities into a single line item. <u>House</u> concurs in part, but does not include consolidation of Michigan Liquor Control Commission lines. Additionally, the House replaces \$1.0 million GF/GP with state restricted funding authorization from the Health Professions Regulatory Fund. <u>Senate</u> concurs with the Executive and also replaces a total of \$1.5 million GF/GP with state restricted funding authorization in the Bureau of Community and Health Systems and the Bureau of Construction Codes line items.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	Restricted	NA	1,500,000
	GF/GP	NA	(\$1,500,000)
<b>28. Removal of FY 2023-24 One-Time Appropriations</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$9,050,000</b>	<b>(\$9,050,000)</b>
<u>Executive</u> removes \$9.1 million Gross (\$3.6 million GF/GP) of one-time funding that was included in the FY 2023-24 budget to support the following:	Restricted	5,500,000	(5,500,000)
	GF/GP	\$3,550,000	(\$3,550,000)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bureau of Survey and Certification (\$1.2 million Gross)</li> <li>• CRA Reference Laboratory (\$2.8 million Gross)</li> <li>• Child Care Licensing Bureau Background Check Program (\$200,000 Gross)</li> <li>• Corporations Online Filing Modernization (\$2.7 million Gross)</li> <li>• Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Upgrades (\$350,000 Gross)</li> <li>• Utility Consumer Representation Grants (\$1.8 million Gross)</li> </ul>			
<u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.			
<b>29. Economic Adjustments</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$6,352,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> reflects increased costs of \$6.4 million Gross (\$930,500 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (5.0% on October 1, 2024), insurances, actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, and other economic adjustments. <u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u> concur.	IDG/IDT	NA	1,053,700
	Federal	NA	467,100
	Restricted	NA	3,900,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$930,500

### **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24**

***Note: Boilerplate throughout the bill was revised to include non-substantive technical changes agreed to by the House, the Senate, and the Legislative Service Bureau. Boilerplate section numbers listed in this document are section numbers as they appear in the Senate bill.***

#### **Sec. 206. Communication With the Legislature – RETAINED**

Prohibits LARA from taking disciplinary action against employees for communicating with legislators or their staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

#### **Sec. 209. Hiring of External Legal Counsel – REVISED**

Prohibits using appropriations to hire a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the attorney general; prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities or services authorized by attorney general. Executive and House revise to include different stylistic changes. Senate revises to include stylistic changes and to allow the Department of Attorney General to assess penalties for late payments for legal services provided to LARA.

#### **Sec. 211. Transparency Website – RETAINED**

Requires LARA to cooperate with DTMB to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes information on expenditures, vendor payments, number of active employees, job specifications, and wage rates. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

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### ***Sec. 212. State Restricted Funds Report – RETAINED***

Requires LARA to work with SBO to report on estimated restricted fund revenues, expenditures, and balances for the previous two fiscal years. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 214. Department Website Information – DELETED***

Requires LARA to maintain, on a publicly accessible website, information that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates key metrics used to monitor and improve department performance. Executive, House, and Senate delete.

### ***Sec. 216. FTE Positions and Vacancies Reports – RETAINED***

Requires LARA to submit quarterly reports containing FTE volumes and a comparison of actual and authorized FTE position counts. Executive revises to delete reporting on FTE volumes. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfers – DELETED***

Stipulates that the legislature may inter-transfer funds via concurrent resolution if the State Administrative Board transfers funds. Executive, House, and Senate delete.

### ***Sec. 219. Retention of Reports – RETAINED***

Requires LARA to receive and retain copies of all reports funded by the department's budget, while complying with federal and state guidelines for records retention. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 220. Report on Policy Changes for Public Act Implementation – RETAINED***

Requires LARA to report on policy changes made to implement public acts that took effect during the prior calendar year. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 221. Severance Pay Reporting – RETAINED***

Requires LARA to report any severance pay for a director or other high-ranking official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement is signed; requires report on total amount of severance pay remitted and number of LARA employees receiving severance pay in FY 2022-23. Executive and House delete. Senate retains.

### ***Sec. 222. In-Person Work – DELETED***

Expresses legislative intent that LARA maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and prioritize in-person work where possible, and post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its website. Executive deletes. House retains. Senate deletes.

### ***Sec. 222. Work Project Usage – RETAINED***

Stipulates that appropriations are not to be expended, if possible, until all existing work project authorization for the same purpose is exhausted. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 226. Private Grant Funded Projects – RETAINED***

Authorizes appropriation of private grant revenues, subject to a limitation of \$4.0 million; requires report to subcommittees chairs within 10 days of receiving grants from private entities. Executive revises to eliminate the \$4.0 million cap. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 227. Informational, Training, and Special Events Revenue and Expenditures – RETAINED***

Authorizes LARA to charge registration fees for events sponsored by LARA; requires fees to reflect costs of sponsoring events; appropriates revenue generated by fees for sponsorship costs; authorizes excess revenue to be carried forward; limits appropriation to \$1.0 million. Executive revises to eliminate the \$1.0 million cap. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 231. Employee Performance Monitoring Process – DELETED***

Expresses legislative intent that LARA establish a consistent employee performance monitoring process; requires report on planned or implemented changes to that process and the number of evaluations performed. Executive deletes. House retains. Senate deletes.

### ***Sec. 232. Television and Radio Production Expenditure Report – DELETED***

Requires LARA to report any expenditure of funds to a third-party vendor for television or radio productions; delineates information to be included. Executive deletes. House retains. Senate deletes.

### ***Sec. 245. Grants Transparency – NEW***

Provides process requirements for grants or projects awarded to single recipient organizations or local governments. Executive and House do not include. Senate includes new language.

### ***Sec. 302. Public Service Commission Hearings – REVISED***

Requires the PSC to conduct at least 1 public hearing in each of the 4 judicial districts described under section 302 of the Revised Judicature Act; requires any hearing conducted within district 4 to be conducted outside of Ingham County; requires the hearing to be conducted in Grand Rapids or Detroit for their respective district. Executive deletes. House retains. Senate revises to require a report detailing the results of the public hearings.

## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24**

### **Sec. 303. Michigan Saves Appropriation Use – REVISED**

Allows PSC to award a \$5.5 million grant to a nonprofit green bank to make loans more affordable for families, businesses, and public entities in Michigan; stipulates grant funds may be used for a loan loss reserve fund or similar financial instrument. Executive deletes. House revises to reflect \$5.0 million grant amount and to expand allowable purposes to include on-site wastewater system replacements or repairs. Senate revises to reflect \$4.0 million grant amount and to require reporting on the use of Michigan Saves funding.

### **Sec. 401. Investigation of Direct Shipments of Wine and Report – REVISED**

Requires MLCC to use funds appropriated from Direct Shipper Enforcement Fund, as required under Section 203(11) of the Michigan Liquor Control Code, 1998 PA 58, to investigate illegal direct shipments of wine; requires notice to be sent to entities found to have illegally shipped wine into the state; requires MLCC to submit report detailing activities to investigate illegal shipping of wine. Executive revises to delete language prioritizing enforcement on unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers, to delete requirement for referral of unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers to the attorney general, to delete items in the report, and to delete language requiring notice to out of state entities that illegally shipped wine into Michigan. House retains. Senate concurs with Executive's revisions and includes other stylistic changes.

### **Sec. 507. Elevator Inspectors' Compensation – DELETED**

Expresses intent of the legislature that at least \$900,000 be used by the BCC to cooperate with the Office of the State Employer, relevant collective bargaining units, and other stakeholders to increase compensation rates for elevator inspectors employed by LARA. Executive, House, and Senate delete.

### **Sec. 507. Carnival-Amusement and Ski Area Safety Inspections – REVISED**

Stipulates that at least \$900,000 of the Bureau of Construction Codes appropriation must be allocated for additional inspections and enforcement activities for the Carnival-Amusement Safety Act of 1966 and the Ski Area Safety Act of 1962. Executive revises to remove the \$900,000 floor. House retains. Senate revises to remove the \$900,000 floor and to require a report on carnival-amusement and ski area safety expenditures.

### **Sec. 508. Skilled Trades Inspectors' Compensation Market Analysis – DELETED**

Allows LARA to cooperate with the Office of the State Employer, relevant collective bargaining units, and other stakeholders to conduct a market analysis of compensation rates for skilled trades inspectors employed by LARA, to identify any disparity in compensation between LARA-employed inspectors and inspectors employed by other governmental entities and in the private sector. Executive, House, and Senate delete.

### **Sec. 508. Homeowner Construction Lien Recovery Fund – REVISED**

Appropriates unexpended funds in the Homeowner Construction Lien Recovery Fund for payments of court-ordered construction lien judgments entered prior to August 23, 2010. Executive and House retain. Senate revises to require a report on payments made from the fund in the previous fiscal year.

### **Sec. 510. Bureau of Survey and Certification Report – NEW**

Requires LARA to report on Bureau of Survey and Certification activities, including surveys and investigations of nursing homes. Executive and House do not include. Senate includes new language.

### **Sec. 511. Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Report – NEW**

Requires biannual reports from the Bureau of Construction Codes providing metrics related to premanufactured unit plan submissions and reviews. Executive and House do not include. Senate includes new language.

### **Sec. 604. Cannabis Regulatory Agency METRC System – NOT INCLUDED**

Prohibits CRA appropriations from being used to offset user fees assessed for the METRC statewide marijuana tracking system. Executive does not include. House includes new language. Senate does not include.

### **Sec. 802. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Report on Incremental Costs – DELETED**

Requires MIDC to submit report on incremental costs associated with standard development process, compliance plan process, and collection of data from all indigent defense systems and attorneys providing indigent defense. Executive deletes. House retains. Senate deletes.

### **Sec. 803. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Report on Standards Costs – REVISED**

Requires MIDC to submit a report explaining the total cost calculation for each indigent defense standard, including a comprehensive itemization of costs included for each standard, a listing of how much funding each grant recipient is receiving for each standard, and an explanation of factors associated with any increase or decrease in MIDC grant funding from the FY 23-24 level. Executive and House retain. Senate revises to require biannual reporting and more detailed information.



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### ***Sec. 804. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Adopted Standard Report – RETAINED***

Requires MIDC to provide notification within 7 days after the adoption of any new indigent defense standard; requires notification to include an estimated cost projection for funding the adopted standard. Executive revises to extend notification deadline from 7 days to 60 days. House revises to extend notification deadline from 7 days to 30 days. Senate retains current law.

### ***Sec. 805. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Work Projects General Fund Lapse – NEW***

Stipulates legislative intent that the State Budget Director lapse FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Michigan Indigent Commission Grants work projects to the general fund. Executive and House do not include. Senate includes new language.

### ***Sec. 806. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Work Projects Deposit – NEW***

Deposits unobligated balances from FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grants work projects into the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund. Executive and House do not include. Senate includes new language.

### ***Sec. 807. Michigan Indigent Defense Fund – NEW***

Allows LARA to request legislative transfers from the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund to supplement FY 2024-25 costs that exceed appropriations; stipulates legislative intent to amend the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act to prevent funds in the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund from lapsing at the end of the fiscal year. Executive and House do not include. Senate includes new language.

### ***Sec. 1001. Bureau of Fire Services – Smoke Detectors – RETAINED***

Requires BFS to purchase and distribute sealed-battery smoke detectors to Michigan residents and allows BFS to purchase smoke detectors with additional capabilities for individuals with physical or psychological conditions that require an accommodative technology; requires report on number of smoke detectors purchased, per-unit price, listing of all local units that received smoke detectors, and number distributed. Executive deletes. House and Senate retain.

### ***Sec. 1002. Cannabis Regulatory Agency Social Equity Program – RETAINED***

Lists the following goals that are to be pursued using social equity program one-time funds: encourage and increase participation in the social equity program, with particular focus on individuals from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marihuana prohibition and enforcement; establish a minimum number of licensees that are participating in the program; consider the median income in designating disproportionately impacted communities. Executive and House delete. Senate retains.

### ***Sec. 1002. MIDC Limited-Term Employees – NOT INCLUDED***

Requires MIDC to hire limited-term employees or contract with an external vendor to conduct financial examinations into how MIDC grants are used by grant recipients; requires reporting regarding how the funds are expended. Executive does not include. House includes new language. Senate does not include.

### ***Sec. 1004. Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Upgrades – REVISED***

Requires that the Bureau of Construction Codes utilize appropriated funds to decrease the average length of time to process and review premanufactured unit plan submissions; requires biannual reports with metrics related to premanufactured unit plan submissions and reviews. Executive and House delete. Senate revises current law to delete language related to utilization of funds but retains the reporting requirement.

### ***Sec. 1004. Re-Appropriation of Unexpended Work Project Appropriations – NOT INCLUDED***

Directs LARA to expend \$5.0 million of unexpended work project appropriations on Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development; provides work project authorization to the new authorized use. Executive does not include. House includes new language. Senate does not include.

## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24**

### ***Sec. 1005. Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development – DELETED***

(1) Requires funding to be expended, aside from administration, only for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects; (2) requires 25% of the total amount of funding for grants awarded for electric vehicle fast-charging infrastructure to be allocated for infrastructure that provides charging at a power level of 350 kW or less and 75% of the total to be allocated for infrastructure that provides charging at a power level of at least 350 kW; (3) requires PSC to develop guidelines and implement a grant application process within 6 months and requires prioritization for grants that meet the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan; (4) requires grant applicants to perform an impact study that provides sufficient detail to allow the proposed project to be evaluated; (5) establishes further requirements for grant applicants for renewable natural gas infrastructure projects; (6) provides a 45-day review period for affected entities to review and comment on an application and a 15-day period for an applicant to modify their initial proposal; (7) requires PSC to award grants to applicants who have met the grant criteria; (8) requires grant recipients to report to PSC on how the money was used within 30 days after a project's completion; (9) designates unexpended funding as a work project appropriation; (10) prohibits grant funding from being used to expand the use of conventional natural gas; (11) allows the PSC to expend up to \$500,000 for administration expenses; (12) defines "renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects" and "renewable natural gas". Executive deletes. House revises to update work project information in item (9), reduce the allowable expenditure for administration under item (11) to \$125,000, and revise the definitions in item (12) so that "renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects" would include fast-charging infrastructure upgrades on publicly owned land within 1,000 feet of a U.S. highway or state trunkline roadway and so "renewable natural gas" would include septage feedstock. Senate deletes.