

MICHIGAN REPRESENTATION ON DELEGATION TO THE MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

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House Bill 5522 as reported from House committee

Sponsor: Rep. Carol Glanville

Committee: Higher Education

Complete to 5-8-24

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(Enacted as Public Act 151 of 2024)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5522 would amend 1990 PA 195 to modify who is appointed to be part of the state's delegation to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission.¹ The bill would add the director of the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP), or their designee, to the state's delegation as a nonvoting member.

Presently, the state's delegation consists of the following voting members:

- The governor or the governor's designee.
- Two at-large members, appointed by the governor.
- A member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate majority leader.
- A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House.

Additionally, a designee of the State Board of Education is appointed by the governor as a nonvoting member. The act provides that nonvoting members are not members of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission and do not have a vote in decisions made by the state's members.

MCL 390.1532

BACKGROUND:

Twelve states in the Midwest are part of the Midwest Higher Education Compact, and Michigan has been a member since 1990 when 1990 PA 195 was enacted.² The Midwest is the newest of the four regional compacts nationally.

1990 PA 195 authorizes the state's membership in both the compact and the commission. Because the Michigan Department of Education focuses on K-12 education, and the Midwest Commission focuses on higher education, the bill sponsor introduced House Bill 5522 to account for the creation of MiLEAP and include the department in the state's delegation.

¹ <https://www.mhec.org/>

² The other 11 states are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5522 would not have a fiscal impact on state or local government.

POSITIONS:

Representatives of the following entities testified in support of the bill (3-6-24):

- Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential
- Michigan Community College Association
- Michigan Association of State Universities

Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities indicated support of the bill. (3-6-24)

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