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Senate Bill 27 (as introduced 1-23-25) Sponsor: Senator Veronica Klinefelt

Committee: Economic and Community Development

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 317 of 2006, which establishes certain entities in the Michigan Strategic Fund, including the Michigan Defense Center, to update references of procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs) to APEX Accelerators.

MCL 125.1972

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 481 from the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 481 passed the Senate and was reported by the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business but received no further action.

BACKGROUND

Generally, PTACs provide small businesses with no-cost advising on all aspects of government contracting, including selling to Federal, state, and local governments and fulfilling contracts. The United States Department of Defense (DoD) partially funds PTACs. In December 2022, the DoD and the Small Business Administration signed a memorandum of understanding that transitioned the program from the DoD's Defense Logistics Agency to its Office of Small Business Programs.¹ Additionally, PTACs were renamed APEX Accelerators. There are eleven APEX Accelerators in Michigan, including one serving the Upper Peninsula and four in the Detroit Tri-County Area.²

Legislative Analyst: Abby Schneider

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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¹ Ellis, Stephanie, "Goodbye PTAC, Hello APEX Accelerators", *SmallGovCon*, Koprince McCall Pottroff LLC, December 12, 2022.

² For a map of these locations and more information, see https://www.apexaccelerators.us/.