

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 268 of 1986**

**4.1204 Access to computerized council legislative databases and information; rules; conditions and restrictions; creation and administration of legislative computer information fund; expenditures; disposition of money received; utilization of fund; availability of database search and retrieval system on Internet; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204. (1) The council may provide access to computerized council legislative databases and information to individuals and organizations that are not a part of the legislative branch of government. The council may establish rules to implement this subsection. The council shall impose conditions and restrictions upon nonlegislative access and services as determined necessary by the council.

(2) The legislative computer information fund is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the council. Money from the legislative computer information fund shall be expended only as provided in this section.

(3) The money received from the sale of access and related services pursuant to subsection (1), along with fees charged for training and the sale of user manuals and other money made available for these purposes, by appropriation or otherwise, shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the legislative computer information fund.

(4) The council shall utilize the legislative computer information fund to pay for all of the following that are directly related to computerized council legislative databases and information:

- (a) Research and development.
- (b) Training.
- (c) Additional hardware, software, and facilities.
- (d) Acquisition of necessary support services.
- (e) Editorial and compilation expenses.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make the Michigan Compiled Laws database search and retrieval system available to the public on the Internet. This subsection does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this subsection.

(6) Beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall not charge a fee to provide the Michigan Compiled Laws database search and retrieval system to the public on the Internet as provided in subsection (5).

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