408.129 Administrator; service; activities; direct services; approval of governor; pilot or demonstration projects.

Sec. 19. (1) An administrative entity designated under section 17 shall serve as the administrator for state and federal funding provided to the workforce development board for workforce development services and activities in the Michigan works area. Subject to subsection (2), an administrative entity designated under section 17 may engage in any activity necessary to fulfill the intent of this act, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Informing the state, units of local government, private agencies and organizations, and the general public of the nature and extent of the need for workforce development services for businesses and individuals within the Michigan works area.

(b) Developing and administering local workforce development programs within the Michigan works area.

(c) Conducting pilot and demonstration projects to research the effectiveness of innovative approaches to reduce unemployment, improve services, and utilize resources.

(d) Providing and advocating for training and technical assistance to public and private agencies, community groups, and local units of government to better define problems, improve services, and facilitate citizen participation.

(e) Increasing interagency coordination and cooperation in serving businesses and individuals.

(f) Entering into agreements with federal, state, and local public and private agencies and organizations if necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

(g) Receiving and accepting grants or gifts to support or promote the activities authorized by this act.

(h) Implementing and operating Michigan works one-stop service centers.

(i) Engaging in any other activity necessary to fulfill the intent of this act.

(2) Except for incumbent worker training and business services, an administrative entity designated under section 17 shall not provide workforce development services directly to job seekers and individual trainees without the approval of the governor.

(3) The department shall establish criteria and procedures for approving all pilot or demonstration projects described in subsection (1)(c) that are funded by the department.