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Senate Bill 841 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Wayne Kuipers
Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would create a new act to establish the Office of Manufacturing Czar in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and require the Manufacturing Czar to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Manufacturing Czar would have to do all of the following:

- Devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs in the State.
- Implement the portions of the MEDC's strategic plan addressing manufacturing job creation and retention in the State.
- Coordinate all programs within the MEDC and across government to create and retain manufacturing jobs in the State.
- Assist manufacturers in the State.
- Work to create a business environment that encouraged and sustained manufacturing in the State.
- Work to empower manufacturers to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the market in the State.

The individual appointed Manufacturing Czar would have to have experience in creating manufacturing jobs in the private sector. He or she would report directly to the MEDC President.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill does not include funding for the Office of Manufacturing Czar, which would include salary, fringe benefits, and any overhead costs. Because this office would be created in the MEDC, the costs for the office could be covered with "off budget" Indian casino gaming revenue, which would result in no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

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