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Senate Bill 1199 (as introduced 5-13-04)  
Sponsor: Senator Jason E. Allen  
Committee: Commerce and Labor

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would create the "Commerce Center Act" to do all of the following:

- Require the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) to identify annually each city, village, or township that qualified as a "commerce center" under the Act.
- Require DLEG to recommend to the Legislature funding and program development options that would assist commerce centers in encouraging commercial growth and development.
- Require DLEG to report annually to the Legislature regarding the activities and success of each commerce center in Michigan.

"Commerce center" would mean a city; a village; or a township that met both of the following conditions:

- The township is located in a county with a population over 400,000, as established by the latest Federal decennial census.
- If the township has a population of 20,000 or less, the county board of commissioners adopted a resolution approving the township's recognition as a commerce center.

The bill also states: "The legislature finds that it is in the public interest to recognize certain communities as commerce centers because of their urban and commercial character and that to improve commercial growth and development in this state it is necessary to provide these target areas with certain funding and assistance programs."

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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