

SENATE BILL No. 814

October 30, 2003, Introduced by Senators TOY, KUIPERS, BIRKHOLZ, GOSCHKA, BISHOP, SIKKEMA, HAMMERSTROM, CROPSEY, GEORGE, GILBERT, PATTERSON, BROWN, VAN WOERKOM, SANBORN, JELINEK, McMANUS, HARDIMAN, STAMAS, JOHNSON and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "Single business tax act," by amending section 38e (MCL 208.38e), as amended by 1999 PA 184.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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1 Sec. 38e. (1) A taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax
 2 imposed by this act equal to the sum of 50% of the qualified
 3 expenses defined in subsection (5) (d) (i) and (ii) and 100% of the
 4 qualified expenses defined in subsection (5) (d) (iii) paid by the
 5 taxpayer in the tax year ~~—~~ **in each of the following**

6 **circumstances:**

7 (a) **Except for apprentices trained under subdivision (b), an**
 8 **amount** not to exceed \$2,000.00 for each apprentice trained by the
 9 taxpayer in the tax year.

10 (b) **For companies that have a classification under the North**

1 American industrial classification system (NAICS) of 333511,
2 333512, 333513, 333514, or 333515 and for tax years that begin
3 after December 31, 2003, an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for
4 each apprentice trained by the taxpayer in the tax year.

5 (2) If the credit allowed under this section exceeds the tax
6 liability of the taxpayer under this act for the tax year, that
7 portion of the credit that exceeds the tax liability shall be
8 refunded.

9 (3) The credit allowed under this section shall be claimed on
10 the annual return required under section 73, or for a taxpayer
11 that is not required to file an annual return, the department
12 shall provide that the credit under this subsection may be
13 claimed on the C-8044 form, a successor form for persons not
14 required to file an annual return, or other simplified form
15 prescribed by the department.

16 (4) For each year that this credit is in effect, the Michigan
17 department of career development **or its successor department**
18 shall prepare a report containing information including, but not
19 limited to, the number of companies taking advantage of the
20 apprenticeship credit, the number of apprentices participating in
21 the program, the number of apprentices who complete a program the
22 costs of which were the basis of a credit under this section, the
23 number of apprentices that were hired by the taxpayer after the
24 apprenticeship training was completed for which the taxpayer
25 claimed a credit under this section for the costs of training
26 that apprentice, information on the employment status of
27 individuals who have completed an apprenticeship to the extent

1 the information is available, and the fiscal impact of the
2 apprenticeship credit. This report shall then be transmitted to
3 the house tax policy and senate finance committees and to the
4 house and senate appropriations committees. This report shall be
5 due no later than the first day of March each year.

6 (5) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Apprentice" means a person who is a resident of this
8 state, is 16 years of age or older but younger than 20 years of
9 age, has not obtained a high school diploma, is enrolled in high
10 school or a general education development (G.E.D.) test
11 preparation program, and is trained by a taxpayer through a
12 program that meets all of the following criteria:

13 (i) The program is registered with the bureau of
14 apprenticeship and training of the United States department of
15 labor.

16 (ii) The program is provided pursuant to an apprenticeship
17 agreement signed by the taxpayer and the apprentice.

18 (iii) The program is filed with a local workforce development
19 board.

20 (iv) The minimum term in hours for the program shall be not
21 less than 4,000 hours.

22 (b) "Enrolled" means currently enrolled or expecting to
23 enroll after a period of less than 3 months during which the
24 program is not in operation and the apprentice is not enrolled.

25 (c) "Local workforce development board" means a board
26 established by the chief elected official of a local unit of
27 government pursuant to the job training partnership act, Public

1 Law 97-300, 96 Stat. 1322, that has the responsibility to ensure
2 that the workforce needs of the employers in the geographic area
3 governed by the local unit of government are met.

4 (d) "Qualified expenses" means all of the following expenses
5 paid by the taxpayer in a tax year that begins after December 31,
6 1996 **for expenses used to calculate a credit under subsection**
7 **(1)(a) and after December 31, 2003 for expenses used to calculate**
8 **a credit under subsection (1)(b)** that were not paid for with
9 funds the taxpayer received or retained that the taxpayer would
10 not otherwise have received or retained and that are used for
11 training an apprentice:

12 (i) Salary and wages paid to an apprentice.

13 (ii) Fringe benefits and other payroll expenses paid for the
14 benefit of an apprentice.

15 (iii) Costs of classroom instruction and related expenses
16 identified as costs for which the taxpayer is responsible under
17 an apprenticeship agreement, including but not limited to
18 tuition, fees, and books for college level courses taken while
19 the apprentice is enrolled in high school.