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## BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5447 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Rick Jones  
House Committee: Commerce  
Senate Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA) to prohibit the establishment of rules or standards regarding workplace ergonomics.**

Under the bill, a department, board, or commission authorized to promulgate rules under MIOSHA could not promulgate a rule or establish a standard regarding workplace ergonomics, but could provide guidance, information on best practices, or assistance for the voluntary implementation or practice of a workplace ergonomics program.

The bill would define "workplace ergonomics" as a program or practice that addresses musculoskeletal disorders that are caused by repetitive motion or stress.

Proposed MCL 408.1017

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. Section 355 of Public Act 156 of 2004 (the Department of Labor and Economic Growth FY 2005-06 appropriation) prohibits any funding to be used for this purpose. The Governor in her signing letter for this Act referred to this section as unenforceable as the administration believes it is an amendment by reference to MIOSHA.

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