

SENATE BILL No. 1160

March 16, 2006, Introduced by Senators JACOBS, SCOTT, CHERRY, SWITALSKI, THOMAS, PRUSI, CLARK-COLEMAN, BRATER, SCHAUER, EMERSON, OLSHOVE, BARCIA, CLARKE and LELAND and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

A bill to promote economic growth and increased employment opportunity by creating cooperative partnerships encompassing public and private sector entities; to develop and implement a program for targeted job training and worker placement; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan opportunity partnership act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
5 growth.

6 (b) "Program" means the Michigan opportunity partnership
7 program created in section 5.

1 Sec. 5. The Michigan opportunity partnership program is
2 created within the department. The department shall administer the
3 program with the objective of creating and implementing cooperative
4 solutions to address critical labor shortages in high demand areas,
5 such as health care and skilled trades, and providing employment
6 opportunities for workers in this state.

7 Sec. 7. The department shall create regional skills alliances
8 joining businesses, labor groups, community colleges, workforce
9 development agencies, and others. The regional alliances shall
10 share ideas, information, and resources to do the following:

11 (a) Gather information concerning positions for which
12 employers are seeking skilled employees.

13 (b) Cooperate with educational institutions to design training
14 programs to meet identified needs.

15 (c) Implement compressed, 6- to 9-month training programs for
16 skills and positions for which employers have identified a high
17 demand.

18 (d) Link workers to the training programs for high demand
19 positions.

20 (e) Match trained workers with emerging job opportunities.

21 Sec. 9. The department shall disseminate information
22 concerning the program to employers and employees in the state.

23 Sec. 11. The department shall utilize federal funds to the
24 extent possible to implement the program.

25 Sec. 13. The department shall file a report with the
26 legislature not later than 1 year after the effective date of this
27 act and every year thereafter. The report shall include all of the

1 following information concerning the program during the reporting
2 period:

3 (a) The total number of individuals who received training.

4 (b) The total number of workers placed in employment.

5 (c) The number of employers for which workers have been
6 trained or placed.

7 (d) The names of the employers for which workers have been
8 trained or placed.

9 (e) The number of workers trained and placed for each
10 employer.

11 (f) The types of work for which workers have been trained.

12 (g) A description of the training programs developed and the
13 providers of those programs.

14 (h) An assessment of the overall effectiveness of this act in
15 contributing to employment and business opportunity within this
16 state.