

HOUSE BILL No. 5934

June 11, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Jacobetti, Richard A. Young and Ostling and referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

A bill to amend section 601 of Act No. 268 of the Public Acts of 1986, entitled as amended
"Legislative council act,"
being section 4.1601 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 601 of Act No. 268 of the Public Acts of
2 1986, being section 4.1601 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 601. (1) There is created a nonpartisan agency to be
5 known as the house fiscal agency to be of service to the appro-
6 priations committee of the house and other members of the house.
7 The house fiscal agency shall be governed by a committee of ~~3~~ 4
8 members, including the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THE chairperson of
9 the appropriations committee of the house, and 2 other members of

1 the appropriations committee of the house to be appointed by the
2 chairperson, 1 from the minority party.

3 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), a writ-
4 ing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by
5 the house fiscal agency in the performance of an official func-
6 tion shall be made available to the public in compliance with the
7 freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of
8 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled
9 Laws.

10 (3) An employee of the house fiscal agency shall not reveal
11 to any person who is not an employee of the house fiscal agency
12 the contents or nature of any bill, substitute, amendment, reso-
13 lution, special report, or proposal not yet published unless the
14 employee has the consent of the member who is sponsoring or
15 requesting the bill, substitute, amendment, resolution, special
16 report, or proposal. A bill shall not be considered published
17 until it is introduced. A substitute, an amendment, or a confer-
18 ence report shall be considered published when received by the
19 secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house of representa-
20 tives, or both, as is appropriate. As used in this subsection:

21 (a) "Special report" means a report that is requested by a
22 member of the house of representatives to be prepared by the
23 house fiscal agency. A special report shall not be considered
24 published until it is authorized for release by the member of the
25 house of representatives requesting the report.

26 (b) "Proposal" means a plan or an activity ~~which~~ THAT is
27 under consideration by a member of the house of representatives.

1 A proposal shall not be considered published until it is
2 authorized for release by the member of the house of representa-
3 tives requesting the preparation of the proposal.

4 (4) Persons employed by the house fiscal agency shall be
5 nontenured, at-will employees. The governing committee of the
6 house fiscal agency may discipline, transfer, demote, suspend, or
7 summarily discharge an employee.