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Introduced by Reps. Lipton, Kennedy, Liss, Scripps, Gregory, Kandrevas and Roberts

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4817

AN ACT to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "An act relating to the economic development of this state; to create the Michigan strategic fund and to prescribe its powers and duties; to transfer and provide for the acquisition and succession to the rights, properties, obligations, and duties of the job development authority and the Michigan economic development authority to the Michigan strategic fund; to provide for the expenditure of proceeds in certain funds to which the Michigan strategic fund succeeds in ownership; to provide for the issuance of, and terms and conditions for, certain notes and bonds of the Michigan strategic fund; to create certain boards and funds; to create certain permanent funds; to exempt the property, income, and operation of the fund and its bonds and notes, and the interest thereon, from certain taxes; to provide for the creation of certain centers within and for the purposes of the Michigan strategic fund; to provide for the creation and funding of certain accounts for certain purposes; to impose certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to make certain loans, grants, and investments; to provide penalties; to make an appropriation; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 4, 71, 88b, and 89b (MCL 125.2004, 125.2071, 125.2088b, and 125.2089b), section 4 as amended by 2005 PA 225, section 88b as amended by 2009 PA 218, and section 89b as added by 2008 PA 98.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 4. As used in this act:

(a) "Board" means the board of directors of the Michigan strategic fund, except where the context clearly requires a different definition.

(b) "Economic development project" means an endeavor related to industrial, commercial, or agricultural enterprise. Economic development project includes, but is not limited to, a theme or recreation park; agricultural or forestry production, harvesting, storage, or processing facilities or equipment; and the use of equipment or facilities designed to produce energy from renewable resources. Economic development project does not include that portion of an endeavor devoted to the sale of goods at retail, except that, as used in relation to the fund insuring a transaction entered into by a depository institution, and as used in relation to a loan by the fund to a minority owned business, an economic development project may include that portion of an endeavor devoted to the sale of goods at retail. Economic development project does not include that portion of an endeavor devoted to housing or a program or activity authorized under chapter 8A.

(c) "Financial institution" means a state or nationally chartered bank or a state or federally chartered savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the United States government and that maintains a principal office or branch office in this state under the laws of this state or the United States.

(d) “Fund” means the Michigan strategic fund created under section 5, except where the context clearly requires a different definition.

(e) “Green chemistry” means chemistry and chemical engineering to design chemical products or processes that reduce or eliminate the use or generation of hazardous substances, while producing high-quality products through safe and efficient manufacturing processes. Green chemistry is guided by the following 12 principles:

(i) Prevent waste: Design chemical syntheses to prevent waste, leaving no waste to treat or clean up.

(ii) Design safer chemicals and products: Design chemical products to be fully effective, yet have little or no toxicity.

(iii) Design less hazardous chemical syntheses: Design syntheses to use and generate substances with little or no toxicity to humans and the environment.

(iv) Use renewable feedstocks: Use raw materials and feedstocks that are renewable rather than depleting. Renewable feedstocks are often made from agricultural products or are the wastes of other processes; depleting feedstocks are made from fossil fuels, including petroleum, natural gas, or coal, or are mined.

(v) Use catalysts, not stoichiometric reagents: Minimize waste by using catalytic reactions. Catalysts are used in small amounts and can carry out a single reaction many times. They are preferable to stoichiometric reagents, which are used in excess and work only once.

(vi) Avoid chemical derivatives: Avoid using blocking or protecting groups or any temporary modifications if possible. Derivatives use additional reagents and generate waste.

(vii) Maximize atom economy: Design syntheses so that the final product contains the maximum proportion of the starting materials. There should be few, if any, wasted atoms.

(viii) Use safer solvents and reaction conditions: Avoid using solvents, separation agents, or other auxiliary chemicals. If these chemicals are necessary, use innocuous chemicals.

(ix) Increase energy efficiency: Run chemical reactions at ambient temperature and pressure whenever possible.

(x) Design chemicals and products to degrade after use: Design chemical products to break down to innocuous substances after use so that they do not accumulate in the environment.

(xi) Analyze in real-time to prevent pollution: Include in-process real-time monitoring and control during syntheses to minimize or eliminate the formation of by-products.

(xii) Minimize the potential for accidents: Design chemicals and their forms, including solid, liquid, or gas, to minimize the potential for chemical accidents, including explosions, fires, and releases to the environment.

(f) “Michigan economic development corporation” or “MEDC” means the Michigan economic development corporation, the public body corporate created under section 28 of article VII of the state constitution of 1963 and the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, by a contractual interlocal agreement effective April 5, 1999, and subsequently amended, between local participating economic development corporations formed under the economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL 125.1601 to 125.1636, and the fund.

(g) “Municipality” means a county, city, village, township, port district, development organization, institution of higher education, community or junior college, or subdivision or instrumentality of any of the legal entities listed in this subdivision.

(h) “Person” means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, profit or nonprofit corporation including a public or private college or university, public utility, local industrial development corporation, economic development corporation, or other association of persons organized for agricultural, commercial, or industrial purposes.

(i) “Project” means an economic development project and, in addition, means the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, conversion, or leasing of an industrial, commercial, retail, agricultural, or forestry enterprise, or any part of these, to carry out the purposes and objectives of this act and of the fund, including, but not limited to, acquisition of land or interest in land, buildings, structures, or other planned or existing planned improvements to land including leasehold improvements, machinery, equipment, or furnishings which include, but are not limited to, the following: research parks; office facilities; engineering facilities; research and development laboratories; warehousing facilities; parts distribution facilities; depots or storage facilities; port facilities; railroad facilities, including trackage, right of way, and appurtenances; airports; water and air pollution control equipment or waste disposal facilities; theme or recreational parks; equipment or facilities designed to produce energy from renewable resources; farms, ranches, forests, and other agricultural or forestry commodity producers; agricultural harvesting, storage, transportation, or processing facilities or equipment; grain elevators; shipping heads and livestock pens; livestock; warehouses; wharves and dock facilities; water, electricity, hydro electric, coal, petroleum, or natural gas provision facilities; dams and irrigation facilities; sewage, liquid, and solid waste collection, disposal treatment, and drainage services and facilities. Project does not include a program or activity authorized under chapter 8A.

(j) “Private sector” means other than the fund, a state or federal source, or an agency of a state or the federal government.

Sec. 71. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Economic development fund" means that fund to which the fund succeeded in ownership pursuant to section 22.

(b) "Research and development enterprise" means any person found by the fund to be engaged in a business which uses green chemistry as a design guidance, or the discovery of new substances and the refinement of known substances, processes, products, theories, and ideas, except for those persons whose businesses are directed primarily to the accumulation or analysis of commercial, financial, or mercantile data.

(c) "Research center fund" means that fund created by section 27 of former 1982 PA 70, to which the fund succeeds in ownership pursuant to section 76.

Sec. 88b. (1) The fund shall create and operate programs authorized under this chapter. The fund board shall determine the annual allocation of money for programs authorized under this chapter and make authorized expenditures or investments from the investment fund of the 21st century jobs trust fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.251 to 12.260, as authorized under this chapter for programs and activities authorized under this chapter.

(2) Money transferred or appropriated by law to the fund for the purposes of carrying out this chapter shall be expended or invested by the fund as authorized by law for the following purposes:

(a) 21st century investments.

(b) Grants and loans approved by the commercialization board under section 88k.

(c) Other programs or activities authorized under this chapter.

(d) For fiscal year 2010-2011 only, \$10,000,000.00 for the promotion of tourism in this state from funds appropriated in the jobs for Michigan investment program - 21st century jobs fund line in section 109 of 2010 PA 191 with not less than \$1,500,000.00 to be used for the 2010-2011 winter advertisement buy.

(3) Except for the appropriations described in section 88j(3) and as otherwise provided in section 88q, for fiscal years other than the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 fiscal years the fund board shall not expend more than the following amounts each year from the 21st century jobs trust fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.251 to 12.260, for the following purposes:

(a) 25% for the loan enhancement program.

(b) 40% for the private equity investment program, the venture capital investment program, and the mezzanine investment program combined.

(c) 70% for competitive edge technology grants and loans under section 88k. The commercialization board shall not authorize the expenditure of more than \$100,000,000.00 of the amount described in this subdivision for basic research over the life of the program.

(4) Not more than 4% of the annual appropriation as provided by law from the 21st century jobs trust fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.251 to 12.260, may be used for the purposes of administering the programs and activities authorized under this chapter. However, the fund and the fund board shall not use more than 3% of the annual appropriation for administering the programs and activities authorized under this chapter unless the fund board by a 2/3 vote authorizes the additional 1% for administration.

(5) Not more than 5% of the annual appropriation as provided by law from the 21st century jobs trust fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.251 to 12.260, may be used for business development and business marketing costs. Not less than 80% of the funds committed for business development and business marketing costs shall be targeted to persons or entities outside of this state. No funds may be used for any business development and business marketing effort that includes a reference to or the image or voice of an elected state officer or a candidate for elective state office and that is targeted to a media market in Michigan. The fund board shall select all vendors for all marketing expenditures under this chapter by issuing a request for proposal. At a minimum, the request for proposal shall require the responding entities to disclose any conflict of interest, disclose any criminal convictions, disclose any investigations by the internal revenue service or any other federal or state taxing body or court, disclose any pertinent litigation regarding the conduct of the entity, and maintain records and evidence pertaining to work performed. The fund board shall establish a standard process to evaluate proposals submitted as a result of a request for proposal and appoint a committee to review the proposals. The fund or the fund board shall not appoint or designate any person paid or unpaid to a committee to review proposals if that person has a conflict of interest with any potential vendors as determined by the office of the chief compliance officer established in section 88i.

(6) The fund shall not use any money appropriated or transferred for purposes authorized under this chapter to acquire interests in or improve real property. The restriction under this subsection applies only to the fund and not to recipients of expenditures or investments under this chapter.

Sec. 89b. (1) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, there is appropriated and transferred from the general fund to the 21st century jobs trust fund \$60,000,000.00 and there is appropriated from the 21st century jobs trust fund to the fund \$50,000,000.00 for carrying out the purposes of this chapter. Not more than 1/4 of the total amount appropriated from the net proceeds described in section 8(2) of the Michigan tobacco settlement finance authority act, 2005 PA 226, MCL 129.268, shall be used to promote business development in this state.

(2) Upon request from the board, the state treasurer shall transfer appropriated funds from the 21st century jobs trust fund established under section 7(1)(b) of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.257, any other available funds under this act, funds otherwise appropriated for expenditure under this chapter, or as authorized in section 88b(2)(d), in the amounts designated by the board at the time and as necessary to fund disbursements required for the Michigan promotion program.

(3) The appropriation authorized in subsection (1) is a work project appropriation and any unencumbered or unallotted funds are carried forward into the following fiscal year. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

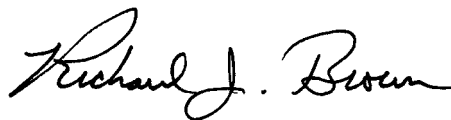
(a) The purpose of the project is to provide economic benefits and job creation within this state through the promotion of tourism.

(b) The work project will be accomplished through the use of interagency agreements, grants, state employees, and contracts.

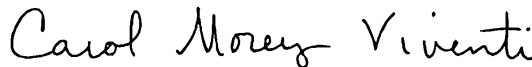
(c) The total estimated completion cost of the project is \$50,000,000.00.

(d) The expected completion date is December 31, 2010.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor