

FY 2024-25: LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
Summary: House Subcommittee Chair's Recommendation
House Bill 5514 (H-1)



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	FY 2023-24 Enacted as of 2/7/24	FY 2024-25 Executive	FY 2024-25 House	FY 2024-25 Senate	FY 2024-25 Conference	Difference: House From FY 2023-24 Enacted	
						Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$46,897,200	\$27,682,800	\$27,682,800			(\$19,214,400)	(41.0)
Federal	50,004,200	30,471,300	30,471,300			(19,532,900)	(39.1)
Local	0	0	0			0	--
Private	0	0	0			0	--
Restricted	259,708,400	280,707,400	277,507,400			17,799,000	6.9
GF/GP	271,331,100	296,605,700	300,805,700			29,474,600	10.9
Gross	\$627,940,900	\$635,467,200	\$636,467,200			\$8,526,300	1.4
FTEs	1,893.9	1,818.0	1,816.0			(77.9)	(4.1)

Note: Appropriation figures for FY 2024-25 include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is the state's primary regulatory entity. The department oversees regulation across a variety of sectors, including commercial and occupational activities, construction and fire safety, health care and human services, public utilities, liquor control, and cannabis. Units within LARA also conduct and adjudicate administrative hearings, oversee rules promulgation, provide support for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission and the Unarmed Combat Commission, and administer multiple grant programs, including Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grants.

Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations

1. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grants

Executive includes \$37.4 million GF/GP to support grant distributions to district and circuit court funding units to fund the state's projected share of FY 2024-25 costs associated with MIDC standards 1-8 and the indigency standard. Of the total, \$24.6 million is included for compliance with standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, which pertain to the education and training of defense counsel, timing and location of attorney-client interviews, defense investigations and experts, presence of counsel at first appearance and other trial stages, independence of indigent criminal defense services from the judiciary, and attorney compensation, contracting, and payments; \$12.9 million is included for costs incurred for compliance with MIDC standards 6 and 7, which pertain to indigent defense workloads and attorney qualification and review. House concurs.

	FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)	FY 2024-25 House Change
Gross	\$220,917,400	\$37,427,900
Restricted	300,000	0
GF/GP	\$220,617,400	\$37,427,900

2. Executive Order 2023-6 Implementation

Executive reflects the removal of \$25.6 million Gross (\$4.4 million GF/GP) and 147.0 FTE positions to effectuate the reorganization of various childcare and educational functions within the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, required under EO 2023-6. This adjustment would result in the complete removal of functions related to childcare and camps licensing from LARA. House concurs.

FTE	NA	(147.0)
Gross	NA	(\$25,586,500)
IDG/IDT	NA	(20,653,100)
Restricted	NA	(544,600)
GF/GP	NA	(\$4,388,800)

		FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)	FY 2024-25 House Change
Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations			
3. Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development			
	FTE	2.0	(2.0)
	Gross	\$21,300,000	(\$21,300,000)
(a) <u>Executive</u> removes \$21.3 million Gross (\$20.0 million one-time Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; \$1.3 million one-time GF/GP) included in the FY 2023-24 budget for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects. <u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	20,000,000	(20,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$1,300,000	(\$1,300,000)
(b) <u>House</u> includes \$500,000 GF/GP (one-time) for FY 2024-25 grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects, which include renewable natural gas facilities and electric vehicle fast-charging infrastructure on publicly owned land within 1,000 feet of a U.S. highway or state trunkline roadway. From the gross funding total, \$125,000 and authorization for 1.0 FTE is provided for the Public Service Commission to administer the grant program. <u>House</u> also includes boilerplate section 1004, which directs the department to expend \$5.0 million of unexpended work project appropriations for this purpose.	FTE	NA	1.0
	Gross	NA	\$500,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$500,000
4. Clean Energy Implementation			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$5.8 million of state restricted funding authorization from Public Utility Assessments and authorization for 31.0 FTE positions to support the implementation and administration of responsibilities under 2023 PAs 229, 231, 233, 234, and 235, colloquially referred to as the "clean energy package". Funding would be utilized to support staffing costs within the Public Service Commission (PSC), Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, and Administrative Services line items. Departmental responsibilities under the acts include reviewing renewable energy plans, expanding reviews of Integrated Resource Plan and Energy Waste Reduction filings, and PSC oversight of renewable energy facility siting. <u>House</u> concurs.	FTE	NA	31.0
	Gross	NA	\$5,822,700
	Restricted	NA	5,822,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
5. Michigan Saves			
<u>Executive</u> removes \$5.5 million GF/GP (one-time) that was appropriated in FY 2023-24 for Michigan Saves, a non-profit green bank. <u>House</u> includes \$5.0 million GF/GP one-time for Michigan Saves for FY 2024-25. Funding would be used to offer credit enhancement tools intended to incentivize lending at lower rates and under better terms for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement loans to commercial, residential, and public entities. Such credit enhancement tools would include a loan loss reserve fund.	Gross	\$5,500,000	(\$500,000)
	GF/GP	\$5,500,000	(\$500,000)
6. Elevator Inspections			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$4.4 million of state restricted funding authorization from Elevator Fees and authorization for 10.0 FTE positions to hire additional elevator inspectors within the Bureau of Construction Codes to address significant inspection backlogs. Additional funding is available because of administrative rule changes that increased certain elevator fees effective June 2023. <u>House</u> includes \$2.2 million of state restricted funding authorization and authorization for 5.0 FTE positions for this purpose.	FTE	NA	5.0
	Gross	NA	\$2,200,000
	Restricted	NA	2,200,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0

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Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations			
7. Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA)	FTE	173.0	9.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$3.4 million of additional state restricted funding authorization from marihuana funds and authorization for 9.0 FTEs to hire additional CRA staff and to support the statewide marihuana monitoring system, which tracks marihuana inventory and sales. Approximately \$2.0 million of the increase would be allocated for costs associated with the monitoring system; this increase would allow for the elimination of monthly user license fees which currently support the system. The remaining \$1.4 million would be allocated for increased staffing. Additional staff would include 4.0 positions within the Legal Section, 2.0 positions within the License Maintenance Section, 1.0 auditor within the Financial Compliance Section, and 2.0 fire inspectors. <u>House</u> includes \$1.4 million in additional state restricted funding authorization and FTE authorization for additional staff but does not include funding for the statewide marihuana monitoring system.	Gross	\$28,004,600	\$1,448,500
	Restricted	28,004,600	1,448,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
8. Cannabis Regulatory Agency – Attorney General	Gross	NA	\$2,049,600
<u>Executive</u> includes \$2.0 million of state restricted funding authorization from marihuana funds to support costs incurred by the Department of Attorney General for increased enforcement activities conducted in the cannabis sector. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	2,049,600
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
9. Nursing Home Surveys and Investigations	FTE	NA	12.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.9 million GF/GP and authorization for 12.0 FTE positions to hire additional staff to offset increased workloads associated with health and long-term care facilities and to conduct surveys and investigations of nursing homes. The increased staffing would assist with federal performance measure compliance. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$1,855,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$1,855,000
10. Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) Authorization Increase	FTE	202.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$1.5 million of state restricted funding authorization from 4 separate funds for the BPL line item. This authorization increase would allow LARA to properly align staff with the relevant fund to support the specific work being completed. This alignment would assist the department with auditing and would prevent expenditures from funds with insufficient revenue. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$40,966,500	\$1,500,000
	Restricted	40,587,800	1,500,000
	GF/GP	\$378,700	\$0
11. Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) Authorization Increase	FTE	172.0	2.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.5 million of state restricted funding authorization from the Construction Code Fund and authorization for 2.0 FTE positions to hire additional regulation agents within the BCC to address a backlog of builder-related complaints. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$26,634,900	\$1,486,300
	Restricted	25,335,600	1,486,300
	GF/GP	\$1,299,300	\$0
12. Utility Consumer Representation	Gross	\$850,000	\$1,250,000
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$1.3 million in state restricted funding authorization from the Utility Consumer Representation Fund for Utility Consumer Representation to reflect base contribution adjustments that were made via 2023 PA 231. These adjustments increase the amount available from the fund. The increase would bring total funding for Utility Consumer Representation to \$2.1 million, which supports grants administered by the Utility Consumer Participation Board and awarded to nonprofit organizations and local units of government (upon application and approval) for representation and advancement of residential utility customers' interests in administrative and judicial proceedings. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	850,000	1,250,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0

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13. Medication Aide Program Implementation	FTE	NA	7.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.1 million of state restricted funding authorization from the Nurse Aide and Medication Aide Registration Fund and authorization for 7.0 FTE positions to hire additional staff to administer medication aide training and certification requirements created by 2023 PA 273. Funding would also be used to develop and implement a medication aide training curriculum, testing requirements, and to improve regulatory compliance. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$1,062,200
	Restricted	NA	1,062,200
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
14. PSC 5-Year Energy Waste Reduction and Demand Response Study	Gross	\$0	\$1,000,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.0 million of state restricted funding authorization to support consulting services that would be necessary for PSC to fulfill a requirement for 5-year studies on statewide energy waste reduction and demand response potential. The requirement for studies is established within 2016 PA 341. <u>House</u> concurs but designates the funding as one-time.	Restricted	0	1,000,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
15. Sign Language Qualified Interpreters	Gross	NA	\$0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$800,000 GF/GP to support the Qualified Interpreter Program (QIP) within the Bureau of Community and Health Systems. The QIP is responsible for certifying, credentialing, and endorsing qualified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters. The funding would support 3.0 new full-time staff positions, updates to database systems, and evaluation of testing methodologies for ASL interpreters. <u>House</u> does not include.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
16. PSC Authorization Increase	FTE	195.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$562,600 of additional state restricted funding authorization from Public Utility Assessments to allow the PSC to hire personnel to fill currently vacant FTE positions. The FTEs would assist with the PSC's call center and customer outreach activities. PSC activity levels are expected to increase due to statutory changes and new programs that the PSC is responsible for implementing and administering, including changes made under the clean energy package and a FY 2023-24 grant program. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$34,941,000	\$562,600
	Federal	3,078,600	0
	Restricted	31,862,400	562,600
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
17. Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau (CSCLB) Authorization Increase	FTE	109.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$550,000 of state restricted funding authorization from Corporation Fees to allow the CSCLB to fill vacant FTE positions and to reinstate senior-level positions. These positions would be used to address increased work volumes resulting from growth in the number of active business entities regulated by the CSCLB. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$15,854,400	\$550,000
	Restricted	15,854,400	550,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
18. Consultation, Education, and Performance Office	Gross	\$0	\$400,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$400,000 of additional state restricted funding authorization from 6 fund sources to support the creation of a Consultation, Education, and Performance Office within the department. This office would provide educational outreach and consultation to licensees and stakeholders, consolidate educational resources, and promote careers in the professions that LARA regulates. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	0	400,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
19. Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules IDG Increase	FTE	194.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes a \$385,000 increase from IDG/IDT authorization for the MOAHR line item to reflect an increased IDG amount from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) for administrative hearings administered on behalf of MDOC. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$38,840,500	\$385,000
	IDG/IDT	26,671,100	385,000
	Restricted	11,478,700	0
	GF/GP	\$690,700	\$0

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20. PSC IT Systems	Gross	NA	\$261,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$261,000 of additional state restricted funding authorization from Public Utility Assessments to support the gas safety data management system and the geospatial data system, which are both utilized by the PSC. The gas safety data management system contains thousands of records and supports numerous programs within PSC's Gas Safety and Operations Division through tracking, monitoring and report generation functionalities. Funding for the geospatial data system would be used to expand current energy system geospatial data collection. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	261,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
21. Bureau of Fire Services – Smoke Detectors	Gross	\$1,000,000	(\$750,000)
<u>Executive</u> removes \$1.0 million GF/GP (one-time) that was appropriated in FY 2023-24 for the Bureau of Fire Services to purchase and distribute smoke detectors to residents of this state. <u>House</u> includes \$250,000 GF/GP (one-time) for this purpose in FY 2024-25.	GF/GP	\$1,000,000	(\$750,000)
22. Implicit Bias Study	Gross	\$0	\$250,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$250,000 of state restricted funding authorization from the Health Professions Regulatory Fund (one-time) to allow LARA to collaborate with an external research entity to evaluate the effect of required implicit bias training for health professionals on access to and delivery of health care services. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	0	250,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
23. MIDC Limited-Term Staff	FTE	NA	2.0
<u>House</u> includes \$250,000 GF/GP (one-time) to allow the MIDC to hire limited-term staff or to contract with an external vendor to conduct financial examinations into how MIDC grants awards are used by grant recipients.	Gross	NA	\$250,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$250,000
24. IT Software Licensing	Gross	NA	\$100,000
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$100,000 of state restricted funding authorization from 3 fund sources to support the department's share of a contract increase with the Microsoft corporation. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	100,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
25. FTE Authorization Increases	FTE	234.9	2.1
<u>Executive</u> increases authorization in the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) and Bureau of Survey and Certification (BSC) line items by 2.1 FTE positions. The additional authorization for the BFS would be utilized to fill an IT specialist position to work on geographic information systems and a departmental analyst position to coordinate external events and control inventory. The 0.1 FTE position for the BSC would allow the department to maximize the use of a fractional FTE position that is currently appropriated. <u>House</u> concurs.			
26. Technical Adjustments	FTE	NA	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes internal FTE adjustments, funding adjustments, and transfers throughout the budget, which have no overall impact on Gross, GF/GP, or FTE position authorization. Adjustments are made to reflect employee counts more accurately and to align funding authorization with revenue received and department operations and activities. Also includes the consolidation of 2 separate line items that support Michigan Liquor Control Commission activities into a single line item. <u>House</u> concurs in part, but does not include consolidation of Michigan Liquor Control Commission lines. Additionally, the House replaces \$1.0 million GF/GP with state restricted funding authorization from the Health Professions Regulatory Fund.	Gross	NA	\$0
	Restricted	NA	1,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	(\$1,000,000)

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<u>Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations</u>			
27. Removal of FY 2023-24 One-Time Appropriations	Gross	\$10,050,000	(\$10,050,000)
<u>Executive</u> removes \$10.1 million Gross (\$3.6 million GF/GP) of one-time funding that was included in the FY 2023-24 budget to support the following:	Restricted	6,500,000	(6,500,000)
	GF/GP	\$3,550,000	(\$3,550,000)

- Bureau of Survey and Certification (\$1.2 million Gross)
- CRA Reference Laboratory (\$2.8 million Gross)
- CRA Social Equity Program (\$1.0 million Gross)
- Child Care Licensing Bureau Background Check Program (\$200,000 Gross)
- Corporations Online Filing Modernization (\$2.7 million Gross)
- Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Upgrades (\$350,000 Gross)
- Utility Consumer Representation Grants (\$1.8 million Gross)

House concurs.

28. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$6,352,000
<u>Executive</u> reflects increased costs of \$6.4 million Gross (\$930,500 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (5.0% on October 1, 2024), insurances, actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, and other economic adjustments. <u>House</u> concurs.	IDG/IDT	NA	1,053,700
	Federal	NA	467,100
	Restricted	NA	3,900,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$930,500

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Note: Boilerplate throughout the bill was revised to include non-substantive technical changes agreed to by the House, the Senate, and the Legislative Service Bureau. Boilerplate section numbers listed in this document are section numbers as they appear in the House bill substitute.

Sec. 206. Communication With the Legislature – RETAINED

Prohibits LARA from taking disciplinary action against employees for communicating with legislators or their staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 211. Transparency Website – RETAINED

Requires LARA to cooperate with DTMB to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes information on expenditures, vendor payments, number of active employees, job specifications, and wage rates. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 212. State Restricted Funds Report – RETAINED

Requires LARA to work with SBO to report on estimated restricted fund revenues, expenditures, and balances for the previous two fiscal years. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 214. Department Website Information – DELETED

Requires LARA to maintain, on a publicly accessible website, information that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates key metrics used to monitor and improve department performance. Executive and House delete.

Sec. 215. FTE Positions and Vacancies Reports – RETAINED

Requires LARA to submit quarterly reports containing FTE volumes and a comparison of actual and authorized FTE position counts. Executive revises to delete reporting on FTE volumes. House retains.

Sec. 216. In-Person Work – RETAINED

Expresses legislative intent that LARA maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and prioritize in-person work where possible, and post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its website. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 217. Retention of Reports – RETAINED

Requires LARA to receive and retain copies of all reports funded by the department's budget, while complying with federal and state guidelines for records retention. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfers – DELETED

Stipulates that the legislature may inter-transfer funds via concurrent resolution if the State Administrative Board transfers funds. Executive and House delete.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Sec. 218. Report on Policy Changes for Public Act Implementation – RETAINED

Requires LARA to report on policy changes made to implement public acts that took effect during the prior calendar year. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 219. Work Project Usage – RETAINED

Stipulates that appropriations are not to be expended, if possible, until all existing work project authorization for the same purpose is exhausted. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 221. Severance Pay Reporting – DELETED

Requires LARA to report any severance pay for a director or other high-ranking official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement is signed; requires report on total amount of severance pay remitted and number of LARA employees receiving severance pay in FY 2022-23. Executive and House delete.

Sec. 222. Private Grant Funded Projects – RETAINED

Authorizes appropriation of private grant revenues, subject to a limitation of \$4.0 million; requires report to subcommittees chairs within 10 days of receiving grants from private entities. Executive revises to eliminate the \$4.0 million cap. House retains.

Sec. 223. Informational, Training, and Special Events Revenue and Expenditures – RETAINED

Authorizes LARA to charge registration fees for events sponsored by LARA; requires fees to reflect costs of sponsoring events; appropriates revenue generated by fees for sponsorship costs; authorizes excess revenue to be carried forward; limits appropriation to \$1.0 million. Executive revises to eliminate the \$1.0 million cap. House retains.

Sec. 227. Employee Performance Monitoring Process – RETAINED

Expresses legislative intent that LARA establish a consistent employee performance monitoring process; requires report on planned or implemented changes to that process and the number of evaluations performed. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 228. Television and Radio Production Expenditure Report – RETAINED

Requires LARA to report any expenditure of funds to a third-party vendor for television or radio productions; delineates information to be included. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 302. Public Service Commission Hearings – RETAINED

Requires the PSC to conduct at least 1 public hearing in each of the 4 judicial districts described under section 302 of the Revised Judicature Act; requires any hearing conducted within district 4 to be conducted outside of Ingham County; requires the hearing to be conducted in Grand Rapids or Detroit for their respective district. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 401. Investigation of Direct Shipments of Wine and Report – RETAINED

Requires MLCC to use funds appropriated from Direct Shipper Enforcement Fund, as required under Section 203(11) of the Michigan Liquor Control Code, 1998 PA 58, to investigate illegal direct shipments of wine; requires notice to be sent to entities found to have illegally shipped wine into the state; requires MLCC to submit report detailing activities to investigate illegal shipping of wine. Executive revises to delete language prioritizing enforcement on unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers, to delete requirement for referral of unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers to the attorney general, to delete items in the report, and to delete language requiring notice to out of state entities that illegally shipped wine into Michigan. House retains.

Sec. 507. Elevator Inspectors' Compensation – DELETED

Expresses intent of the legislature that at least \$900,000 be used by the BCC to cooperate with the Office of the State Employer, relevant collective bargaining units, and other stakeholders to increase compensation rates for elevator inspectors employed by LARA. Executive and House delete.

Sec. 508. Skilled Trades Inspectors' Compensation Market Analysis – DELETED

Allows LARA to cooperate with the Office of the State Employer, relevant collective bargaining units, and other stakeholders to conduct a market analysis of compensation rates for skilled trades inspectors employed by LARA, to identify any disparity in compensation between LARA-employed inspectors and inspectors employed by other governmental entities and in the private sector. Executive and House delete.

Sec. 604. Cannabis Regulatory Agency METRC System – NEW

Prohibits CRA appropriations from being used to offset user fees assessed for the METRC statewide marijuana tracking system. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Sec. 802. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Report on Incremental Costs – RETAINED

Requires MIDC to submit report on incremental costs associated with standard development process, compliance plan process, and collection of data from all indigent defense systems and attorneys providing indigent defense. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 804. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Adopted Standard Report – REVISED

Requires MIDC to provide notification within 7 days after the adoption of any new indigent defense standard; requires notification to include an estimated cost projection for funding the adopted standard. Executive revises to extend notification deadline from 7 days to 60 days. House revises to extend notification deadline from 7 days to 30 days.

Sec. 1001. Bureau of Fire Services – Smoke Detectors – RETAINED

Requires BFS to purchase and distribute sealed-battery smoke detectors to Michigan residents and allows BFS to purchase smoke detectors with additional capabilities for individuals with physical or psychological conditions that require an accommodative technology; requires report on number of smoke detectors purchased, per-unit price, listing of all local units that received smoke detectors, and number distributed. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 1002. Cannabis Regulatory Agency Social Equity Program – DELETED

Lists the following goals that are to be pursued using social equity program one-time funds: encourage and increase participation in the social equity program, with particular focus on individuals from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement; establish a minimum number of licensees that are participating in the program; consider the median income in designating disproportionately impacted communities. Executive and House delete.

Sec. 1002. MIDC Limited-Term Employees – NEW

Requires MIDC to hire limited-term employees or contract with an external vendor to conduct financial examinations into how MIDC grants are used by grant recipients; requires reporting regarding how the funds are expended. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Sec. 1003. Michigan Saves Appropriation Use – REVISED

Allows PSC to award a \$5.5 million grant to a nonprofit green bank to make loans more affordable for families, businesses, and public entities in Michigan; stipulates grant funds may be used for a loan loss reserve fund or similar financial instrument. Executive deletes. House revises to reflect \$5.0 million grant amount and to expand allowable purposes to include on-site wastewater system replacements or repairs.

Sec. 1004. Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Upgrades – DELETED

Requires that BCC utilize appropriated funds to decrease the average length of time to process and review premanufactured unit plan submissions; requires biannual reports with metrics related to premanufactured unit plan submissions. Executive and House delete.

Sec. 1004. Re-Appropriation of Unexpended Work Project Appropriations – NEW

Directs LARA to expend \$5.0 million of unexpended work project appropriations on Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development; provides work project authorization to the new authorized use. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Sec. 1005. Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development – REVISED

(1) Requires funding to be expended, aside from administration, only for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects; (2) requires 25% of the total amount of funding for grants awarded for electric vehicle fast-charging infrastructure to be allocated for infrastructure that provides charging at a power level of 350 kW or less and 75% of the total to be allocated for infrastructure that provides charging at a power level of at least 350 kW; (3) requires PSC to develop guidelines and implement a grant application process within 6 months and requires prioritization for grants that meet the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan; (4) requires grant applicants to perform an impact study that provides sufficient detail to allow the proposed project to be evaluated; (5) establishes further requirements for grant applicants for renewable natural gas infrastructure projects; (6) provides a 45-day review period for affected entities to review and comment on an application and a 15-day period for an applicant to modify their initial proposal; (7) requires PSC to award grants to applicants who have met the grant criteria; (8) requires grant recipients to report to PSC on how the money was used within 30 days after a project's completion; (9) designates unexpended funding as a work project appropriation; (10) prohibits grant funding from being used to expand the use of conventional natural gas; (11) allows the PSC to expend up to \$500,000 for administration expenses; (12) defines "renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects" and "renewable natural gas". Executive deletes. House revises to update work project information in item (9), reduce the allowable expenditure for administration under item (11) to \$125,000, and revise the definitions in item (12) so that "renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects" would include fast-charging infrastructure upgrades on publicly owned land within 1,000 feet of a U.S. highway or state trunkline roadway and so "renewable natural gas" would include septage feedstock.