

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5346**

A bill to encourage the creation of next Michigan development corporations by interlocal agreement and to prescribe their powers and duties; to foster economic opportunities in this state and prevent conditions of unemployment and underemployment and to promote economic growth; to provide for the designation of next Michigan development districts and next Michigan development businesses; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local departments, entities, and officials.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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

3           Sec. 2. The legislature of this state finds and declares that

1 there exists in this state the continuing need for programs to  
2 encourage economic development and investment, job creation and job  
3 retention, and ancillary economic growth in this state. To achieve  
4 these purposes, it is necessary to assist and encourage the  
5 creation and implementation of intergovernmental development  
6 corporations and to enable those corporations to foster economic  
7 opportunities in this state, prevent conditions of unemployment and  
8 underemployment, and promote economic growth.

9 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

10 (a) "Eligible act 7 entity" means a separate legal and  
11 administrative entity formed by interlocal agreement under the  
12 urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to  
13 124.512, among 2 or more local governmental units, at least 1 of  
14 which shall be a county, and at least 1 of which shall be a  
15 qualified local government unit as defined in section 2 of the  
16 obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146, MCL 125.2782,  
17 for the purpose of jointly exercising economic development powers  
18 and attracting business.

19 (b) "Eligible next Michigan business" means that term as  
20 defined in section 3 of the Michigan economic growth authority act,  
21 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.803.

22 (c) "Eligible urban entity" means a city with a population of  
23 100,000 or more and is the largest city within a metropolitan  
24 statistical area as defined by the United States office of  
25 management and budget.

26 (d) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village,  
27 township, or charter township.

1 (e) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic  
2 fund as described in the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270,  
3 MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094.

4 (f) "Next Michigan development corporation" means an eligible  
5 act 7 entity or eligible urban entity that meets the requirements  
6 of section 4 and has been so designated by the board of the  
7 Michigan strategic fund.

8 (g) "Next Michigan development district" or "district" means  
9 the territory of a next Michigan development corporation.

10 Sec. 4. (1) An eligible act 7 entity may apply to the board of  
11 the Michigan strategic fund for designation as a next Michigan  
12 development corporation under this act. An eligible urban entity  
13 may apply to the board of the Michigan strategic fund for  
14 designation as a next Michigan development corporation under this  
15 act. An eligible urban entity may expressly designate an  
16 instrumentality of an eligible urban entity or a nonprofit  
17 corporation to file the application and act as the next Michigan  
18 development corporation on behalf of the eligible urban entity.

19 (2) The territory of a next Michigan development corporation  
20 shall be composed of the area within the boundaries of the cities,  
21 villages, and townships which are parties to the interlocal  
22 agreement as the same may be amended to add or remove parties from  
23 time to time or the area of the eligible urban entity. The  
24 interlocal agreement may include a division of rights,  
25 responsibilities, and duties between and among the local government  
26 unit parties as may be determined appropriate by the local  
27 government unit parties to implement the purposes of this act and

1 otherwise shall conform to law.

2 (3) Except for an application from or on behalf of an eligible  
3 urban entity, the application for next Michigan development  
4 corporation status under this act shall be accompanied by a copy of  
5 the interlocal agreement creating the eligible act 7 entity and the  
6 approval of the governor of the interlocal agreement pursuant to  
7 section 10 of the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA  
8 7, MCL 124.510.

9 Sec. 5. (1) The board of the Michigan strategic fund, upon the  
10 filing of an application under section 4, may designate the  
11 applicant as a next Michigan development corporation. No more than  
12 5 next Michigan development corporations may be designated in this  
13 state. The president of the Michigan strategic fund shall develop  
14 the form of application for designation as a next Michigan  
15 development corporation within 49 days of the effective date of  
16 this act provided that an application from an eligible act 7 entity  
17 or an eligible urban entity which otherwise meets the requirements  
18 of this act may be filed with the board of the Michigan strategic  
19 fund at any time following the effective date of this act, and any  
20 such application shall be considered by the board of the Michigan  
21 strategic fund under subsections (2), (3), and (6). The Michigan  
22 strategic fund shall use its best efforts to develop the  
23 application process jointly with eligible act 7 entities and  
24 eligible urban entities.

25 (2) The board of the Michigan strategic fund shall apply the  
26 following criteria in determining to designate a next Michigan  
27 development corporation:

1           (a) The nominal level of unemployed workers within the county  
2 or counties which are parties to the interlocal agreement creating  
3 the applicant eligible act 7 entity, if the applicant is an  
4 eligible act 7 entity, or within the applicant eligible urban  
5 entity, if the applicant is an eligible urban entity, in each case  
6 as publicly reported by the state department of energy, labor, and  
7 economic growth as of the month preceding the filing of the  
8 application on an adjusted or unadjusted basis, whichever is  
9 greater.

10           (b) The number of local governmental unit parties to the  
11 applicant's interlocal agreement if the applicant is an eligible  
12 act 7 entity.

13           (c) Whether the application demonstrates evidence of  
14 significant job creation potential of a regional or state asset or  
15 combinations of enterprises, facilities, or obsolete facilities  
16 within the territory of the applicant, as documented by a  
17 comprehensive business plan and a third-party study or studies  
18 quantifying the job creation potential, and the degree of the job  
19 creation potential.

20           (d) Whether the application is supported by public and private  
21 commitment and the degree of the commitment.

22           (e) The extent to which the interlocal agreement or the  
23 eligible urban entity creates the possibility of streamlined  
24 permitting.

25           (3) Subject to subsection (6), the board of the Michigan  
26 strategic fund shall grant or deny designation to an applicant  
27 within 49 days of receipt of the application. If the board of the

1 Michigan strategic fund does not grant or deny the designation  
2 within 49 days of receipt of the application, the application shall  
3 be considered approved. If the application is denied, the board  
4 shall provide the applicant with the specific reasons for the  
5 denial by reference to the criteria set forth in subsection (2). An  
6 applicant may amend the application to take into account the  
7 reasons for the denial and thereafter may resubmit the application  
8 to the board of the Michigan strategic fund. The board of the  
9 Michigan strategic fund shall not designate more than 2 next  
10 Michigan development corporations in a calendar year. However, the  
11 board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate 3 next Michigan  
12 development corporations in a calendar year if 1 or more of the  
13 next Michigan development corporations designated is located  
14 entirely north of 43<sup>0</sup> 49' in this state.

15       Sec. 6. (1) A next Michigan development corporation shall seek  
16 to attract eligible next Michigan businesses to its next Michigan  
17 development district and may exercise all of the powers,  
18 privileges, and responsibilities granted to it under state law,  
19 including, but not limited to, the powers, privileges, and  
20 responsibilities granted in the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996  
21 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696, the local development financing  
22 act, 1986 PA 281, MCL 125.2151 to 125.2174, section 9f of the  
23 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9f, 1974 PA 198, MCL  
24 207.551 to 207.572, and other relevant law.

25       (2) The Michigan economic development corporation shall market  
26 the next Michigan development corporations.

27       Sec. 7. (1) The business of a next Michigan development

1 corporation shall be conducted at public meetings held in  
2 compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to  
3 15.275. Public notice of the time, date, and place of a meeting  
4 shall be given as provided by the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267,  
5 MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

6 (2) Except as expressly provided otherwise in this section, a  
7 writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by  
8 the next Michigan development corporation in the performance of an  
9 official function shall be a public record and shall be made  
10 available to the public in compliance with the freedom of  
11 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. A record or  
12 portion of a record, material, or other data received, prepared,  
13 used, or retained by the next Michigan development corporation in  
14 connection with an application by an eligible business for  
15 renaissance zone status or other tax or development incentive that  
16 relates to financial or proprietary information or site selection  
17 where more than 1 site is under consideration submitted by the  
18 eligible business applicant that is considered by the applicant and  
19 acknowledged by the next Michigan development corporation as  
20 confidential shall not be subject to the disclosure requirements of  
21 the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.  
22 A designee of the next Michigan development corporation shall make  
23 the determination as to whether the next Michigan development  
24 corporation acknowledges as confidential any financial or  
25 proprietary information submitted by the eligible business  
26 applicant and considered by the applicant as confidential. Unless  
27 considered proprietary information, the next Michigan development

1 corporation shall not acknowledge routine financial information as  
2 confidential. If the designee of the next Michigan development  
3 corporation determines that information submitted to the next  
4 Michigan development corporation is financial or proprietary  
5 information and is confidential, the designee of the next Michigan  
6 development corporation shall prepare a written statement, subject  
7 to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,  
8 MCL 15.231 to 15.246, which states all of the following:

9 (a) That the information submitted was determined by the  
10 designee of the next Michigan development corporation to be  
11 confidential as financial or proprietary information or site  
12 selection information.

13 (b) A broad nonspecific overview of the financial or  
14 proprietary information determined to be confidential.

15 (3) The next Michigan development corporation shall not  
16 disclose financial or proprietary information or site selection  
17 information not subject to disclosure pursuant to subsection (2)  
18 without the consent of the eligible business applicant submitting  
19 the information. However, nothing in this subsection shall preclude  
20 the president of the Michigan strategic fund, members of the board  
21 of the Michigan strategic fund, or their designees from reviewing  
22 information otherwise exempt from disclosure under this section.

23 (4) As used in this section, "financial or proprietary  
24 information" means information that has not been publicly  
25 disseminated or is unavailable from other sources, the release of  
26 which might cause the eligible business applicant, in the  
27 applicant's judgment, material competitive harm. Financial or



1 proprietary information does not include a written agreement under  
2 the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to  
3 125.2696.

4       Sec. 8. In the event that a next Michigan development  
5 corporation dissolves or is terminated, all incentives previously  
6 granted by the next Michigan development corporation shall be  
7 unaffected by the dissolution and shall remain valid and in full  
8 force and effect in accordance with their respective terms.  
9 Incentives previously granted by the next Michigan development  
10 corporation shall be administered by the city, village, township,  
11 or charter township in which the eligible business to which the  
12 incentives were granted is located unless otherwise provided in the  
13 interlocal agreement.

14       Sec. 9. This act shall be construed liberally to effectuate  
15 the legislative intent and purposes of this act as found and stated  
16 in section 2. This act constitutes complete and independent  
17 authority for the performance of each and every act and thing  
18 authorized by this act, and all powers granted by this act shall be  
19 broadly interpreted to include any power reasonable and convenient  
20 to effectuate the intent and purposes of this act, and the language  
21 used in this act shall be read as grants of authority and not as  
22 limitations of powers to those expressed or necessarily implied.