

SENATE BILL No. 353

March 24, 2005, Introduced by Senators GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, BROWN, ALLEN, McMANUS and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to operate certain programs in the Michigan strategic fund; and to impose certain duties and responsibilities on certain state employees and public employees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Community block grant program" means the federal
3 community block grant program described in title I of the housing
4 and community development act of 1974, 42 USC 5301 to 5321, that is
5 operated by the Michigan strategic fund.

6 (b) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic
7 fund created in the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL
8 125.2001 to 125.2093.

9 (c) "Rural area" means a county with a population of 90,000 or
10 less.

1 Sec. 2. (1) In operating and administering the community
2 development block grant program, to the extent allowed by law and
3 except as provided in subsection (2), the Michigan strategic fund
4 shall provide that not less than 60% of the community block grant
5 program funds shall be awarded for projects located in rural areas.
6 Projects for water system development or sewer system development
7 shall be given priority.

8 (2) The Michigan strategic fund may award community block
9 grant program funds for projects not in rural areas if there are
10 insufficient applicants for projects in rural areas as determined
11 by the Michigan strategic fund.

12 (3) The Michigan strategic fund shall not require matching
13 funds greater than 5% of the cost of the project for projects
14 located in rural areas.