

HOUSE BILL No. 5264

September 25, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Young and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to create the Michigan job training corps; to encourage employment-related educational opportunities for youth; to provide for participation by certain employers; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain departments; to establish a fund and provide for the administration of that fund; and to make an appropriation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan job training corps act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
5 growth.

6 (b) "Employer" means a person who obtains the services of 1 or
7 more individuals in exchange for consideration and retains control
8 and supervision of those individuals in the performance of those
9 individuals' services.

1 Sec. 3. Within 90 days after the effective date of this act,
2 the department shall develop and implement a statewide program to
3 encourage employer participation in the employment and training of
4 individuals between the ages of 16 and 18 years. The program shall
5 be known as the "Michigan job training corps".

6 Sec. 4. An employer may participate in the Michigan job
7 training corps program by applying to the department for
8 designation as a Michigan job training corps employer. The
9 application shall be in writing, identify the employer, and state
10 all of the following:

11 (a) That the employer contractually agrees to provide part-
12 time or seasonal employment, or a combination of part-time and
13 seasonal employment, to 1 or more individuals between the ages of
14 16 and 18.

15 (b) That the employment described in subdivision (a) includes
16 or shall include on-the-job training and employment orientation for
17 employees described in subdivision (a) who seek to pursue areas of
18 study related to the particular employment.

19 (c) That the employer contractually agrees to fund all or a
20 portion of the higher education costs of those individuals
21 described in subdivision (b) who pursue advanced higher education.

22 Sec. 5. An employer designated by the department as a Michigan
23 job training corps employer who provides funding for all or a
24 portion of the higher education costs of an employee hired or
25 retained under this act is entitled to reimbursement of that
26 funding from the Michigan job training corps fund created in
27 section 6.

1 Sec. 6. (1) The Michigan job training corps fund is created
2 within the state treasury.

3 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
4 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
5 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
6 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

7 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
8 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

9 (4) The department of labor and economic growth shall be the
10 administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.

11 (5) The department of labor and economic growth shall expend
12 money from the fund, upon appropriation, only for the purpose of
13 reimbursing employers for higher education funding provided under
14 section 5.

15 Sec. 7. The sum of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated from the
16 general fund to the Michigan job training corps fund created in
17 section 6.