

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6416**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 5204 and 19708 (MCL 324.5204 and 324.19708),
section 5204 as amended by 2005 PA 253 and section 19708 as amended
by 2005 PA 256, and by adding sections 5204b, 5204c, and 19703a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 5204. (1) The strategic water quality initiatives fund is
2 created 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. The

1 authority shall act as fiscal agent for the fund in accordance with
2 the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1051 to
3 141.1076.

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

6 (4) The authority in consultation with the department shall
7 expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, only for the
8 following:

9 (a) Loans under section 5202.

10 (b) Grants under section 5204a AND 5204D.

11 (C) **RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS NONPOINT SOURCE WATER**
12 **POLLUTION UNDER SECTION 5204B.**

13 (D) **GRANTS AND LOANS FOR BROWNFIELD SITES UNDER SECTION 5204C.**

14 (E) ~~(e)~~—The costs of the authority and the department in
15 administering the fund.

16 (5) The fund may be pledged as security for bonds to be issued
17 by the authority for the purpose of funding loans if authorized by
18 the state administrative board.

19 **SEC. 5204B. (1) SUBJECT TO SECTION 5204C, THE DEPARTMENT MAY**
20 **EXPEND, UPON APPROPRIATION, NOT MORE THAN \$140,000,000.00 OF THE**
21 **MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS NONPOINT**
22 **SOURCE WATER POLLUTION AT FACILITIES AS FOLLOWS:**

23 (A) **FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, NOT**
24 **MORE THAN \$50,000,000.00 MAY BE AUTHORIZED FOR EXPENDITURE UNDER**
25 **THIS SECTION.**

26 (B) **FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, NOT**
27 **MORE THAN \$50,000,000.00 MAY BE AUTHORIZED FOR EXPENDITURE UNDER**

1 THIS SECTION.

2 (C) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, ANY MONEY NOT PREVIOUSLY
3 AUTHORIZED FOR EXPENDITURE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE EXPENDED UNDER
4 THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS THAT IT HAS ACHIEVED
5 THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

6 (i) INCREASING THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN SEWAGE COLLECTION AND
7 TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

8 (ii) PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR ACTIONS THAT NOT ONLY IMPROVE
9 WATER QUALITY BUT RESULT IN POLLUTION PREVENTION.

10 (iii) OPTIMIZING THE COST BENEFIT RATIO OF ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS
11 OF SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

12 (iv) DEMONSTRATING PROGRESS TOWARD MAXIMIZING RISK REDUCTION
13 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES IDENTIFIED FOR PROJECTS FUNDED
14 UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPEND MONEY UNDER THIS SECTION IN
16 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) THE EXPENDITURE IS USED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE
18 WATERS OF THE STATE.

19 (B) THE EXPENDITURE IS USED ONLY FOR FACILITIES IN WHICH THE
20 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO
21 ARE LIABLE UNDER PART 201 FOR THE RELEASE RESULTING IN THE WATER
22 POLLUTION OR THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO ARE LIABLE DO NOT HAVE
23 SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO FUND THE REQUIRED RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.

24 (C) THE FACILITIES INCLUDE PROPERTY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE
25 IDENTIFIED PLANNING AREA BOUNDARIES OF A PUBLICLY OWNED SANITARY
26 SEWER SYSTEM ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE WATER POLLUTION
27 CONTROL REVOLVING FUND ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 16A OF THE SHARED

1 CREDIT RATING ACT, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1066A.

2 (D) THE EXPENDITURE IS USED FOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES NECESSARY
3 TO ADDRESS EXISTING OR IMMINENT UNACCEPTABLE RISKS ARISING FROM
4 CONDITIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO NONPOINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION,
5 INCLUDING EXPENSES FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE
6 DEPARTMENT.

7 (3) IN USING FUNDS TO ADDRESS NONPOINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION
8 PROJECTS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT PROJECTS
9 THAT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, PROVIDE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE
10 STATE IN PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND
11 CONTRIBUTING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

12 (4) MONEY EXPENDED TO SUPPORT PROJECT MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE
13 DEPARTMENT TO MANAGE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AT THE FACILITY SHALL BE
14 EXPENDED PURSUANT TO GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

15 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
16 STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH
17 JURISDICTION OVER ISSUES PRIMARILY PERTAINING TO NATURAL RESOURCES
18 AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
20 ENVIRONMENT THAT DESCRIBES THE PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THIS SECTION
21 AND INCLUDES AN EVALUATION OF HOW THE EXPENDITURES, TO THE EXTENT
22 PRACTICABLE, PROVIDE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE STATE IN PROTECTING
23 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRIBUTING TO ECONOMIC
24 DEVELOPMENT. FOR EACH PROJECT FUNDED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE REPORT
25 SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (A) HOW THE PROJECT MET THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN THIS
27 SECTION.

1 (B) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROJECT IMPROVED WATER QUALITY OR
2 PREVENTED A RISK TO WATER QUALITY AS MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF
3 INDIVIDUALS WHO BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT.

4 (C) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROJECT PRESERVED INFRASTRUCTURE
5 INVESTMENTS THAT PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH OR PREVENTED RISKS TO WATER
6 QUALITY AS MEASURED BY THE RISK POSED OR THE PUBLIC HEALTH
7 PROTECTED.

8 (D) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROJECT ENHANCED ECONOMIC
9 DEVELOPMENT AS MEASURED BY SUCH FACTORS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
10 TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (i) A NET INCREASE TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES IN THE
12 VICINITY OF THE PROJECT.

13 (ii) THE CREATION OF JOBS.

14 (iii) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROJECT CONTRIBUTED TO LEVERAGING
15 PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROJECT.

16 (E) IF THE PROJECT INCLUDED FUNDING FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT
17 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, A BREAKDOWN OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY USED TO
18 SUPPORT THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AS JUSTIFIED USING GENERALLY
19 ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

20 (6) THE LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT USE OF THE FUND FOR RESPONSE
21 ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS NONPOINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION AT FACILITIES
22 IS APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS
23 LEGISLATURE THAT MONEY FROM THE FUND SHALL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR
24 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS NONPOINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION AT
25 FACILITIES WHEN THE \$150,000,000.00 HAS BEEN EXPENDED UNDER THIS
26 SECTION AND SECTION 5204C.

27 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FACILITY", "RELEASE", AND

1 "RESPONSE ACTIVITY" MEAN THOSE TERMS AS THEY ARE DEFINED IN PART
2 201.

3 SEC. 5204C. (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND \$10,000,000.00 OF
4 MONEY FROM THE FUND TO PROVIDE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT GRANTS AND
5 LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES
6 CREATED UNDER THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FINANCING ACT, 1996 PA
7 381, MCL 125.2651 TO 125.2672, FOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS
8 NONPOINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION AT FACILITIES. OF THE MONEY
9 EXPENDED UNDER THIS SECTION, \$5,000,000.00 SHALL BE USED FOR GRANTS
10 AND \$5,000,000.00 SHALL BE USED FOR LOANS. HOWEVER, ON SEPTEMBER
11 30, 2014, IF ANY MONEY DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION HAS NOT BEEN
12 APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THAT MONEY MAY BE
13 USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 5204B.

14 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP GRANT AND LOAN APPLICATION
15 MATERIALS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION AND SHALL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS
16 AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

17 SEC. 5204D. THE STATE MAY ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE
18 STRATEGIC WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING
19 SPECIFIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
20 PROJECTS DESIGNED TO PREVENT CHRONIC DISCHARGES AND PROJECTED TO
21 HAVE SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL BENEFITS TO GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AND
22 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. IN ESTABLISHING SUCH A PROGRAM, THE
23 STATE MAY CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
24 CREATED IN SECTION 5317.

25 SEC. 19703A. (1) BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS PART ARE SUBJECT TO
26 THE FOLLOWING:

27 (A) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011,

1 BONDS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED OR EXPENDED UNDER THIS PART FOR THE
2 PURPOSES OF SECTION 5204B, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
3 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A FUNDABLE RANGE OF AT
4 LEAST \$210,000,000.00 FOR THAT STATE FISCAL YEAR TO FUND PROJECTS
5 UNDER THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND CREATED IN
6 SECTION 16A OF THE SHARED CREDIT RATING ACT, 1985 PA 227, MCL
7 141.1066A.

8 (B) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012,
9 BONDS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED OR EXPENDED UNDER THIS PART FOR THE
10 PURPOSES OF SECTION 5204B, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
11 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A FUNDABLE RANGE OF AT
12 LEAST \$259,000,000.00 FOR THAT STATE FISCAL YEAR TO FUND PROJECTS
13 UNDER THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND CREATED IN
14 SECTION 16A OF THE SHARED CREDIT RATING ACT, 1985 PA 227, MCL
15 141.1066A, TO THE EXTENT ADMINISTRATIVELY POSSIBLE AND AS LONG AS
16 SUFFICIENT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.

18 (C) FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING WITH THE STATE FISCAL
19 YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
20 AND ENVIRONMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,
21 SHALL SEEK TO FULLY FUND ALL ELIGIBLE PROJECTS APPLYING FOR
22 ASSISTANCE UNDER PART 53, TO THE EXTENT ADMINISTRATIVELY POSSIBLE,
23 UTILIZING THE BOND PROCEEDS UNDER THIS PART AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE
24 THIS GOAL, CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE WATER
25 POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN
26 SECTION 5317.

27 (2) IF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT IS

1 NOT ABLE TO ESTABLISH A FUNDABLE RANGE UNDER SUBSECTION (1) (B) OF
2 AT LEAST \$259,000,000.00, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
3 ENVIRONMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE
4 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH JURISDICTION OVER ISSUES
5 PRIMARILY PERTAINING TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT A
6 REPORT DETAILING THE REASONS WHY THE FUNDABLE RANGE WAS NOT SET AT
7 THIS LEVEL.

8 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FUNDABLE RANGE" MEANS THAT TERM
9 AS IT IS DEFINED IN SECTION 5301.

10 Sec. 19708. (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3), and (4), the
11 state treasurer shall transfer money in the fund as follows:

12 (a) In aggregate, not more than ~~\$900,000,000.00~~
13 \$710,000,000.00 of the money in the fund shall be deposited into
14 the state water pollution control revolving fund created in section
15 16a of the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1066a.

16 (b) In aggregate, not more than ~~\$100,000,000.00~~
17 \$290,000,000.00 of the money in the fund shall be deposited into
18 the strategic water quality initiatives fund created in section
19 5204.

20 (2) Money in the fund may be used by the department of
21 treasury to pay for the cost of issuing bonds and the costs
22 incurred under section 19703(3).

23 ~~—— (3) Money from the fund shall not be used as the state match~~
24 ~~for receipt of federal funds for purposes of the state water~~
25 ~~pollution control revolving fund established under section 16a of~~
26 ~~the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1066a, at 2002~~
27 ~~state match levels. However, if federal revenues become available~~

1 ~~at higher levels than were provided in 2002, money from the fund~~
2 ~~may be used to match federal revenues in excess of 2002 levels.~~

3 (3) ~~(4)~~ Bonds that are directly deposited into the state water
4 pollution control revolving fund or strategic water quality
5 initiatives fund as authorized by section 19703 shall be taken into
6 account for the purpose of determining the allocation and transfer
7 of money set forth in subsection (1).

8 (4) NOT LATER THAN 2 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
9 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, THE AUDITOR GENERAL
10 SHALL CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE FUND TO ASSURE THAT THE MONEY IN THE
11 FUND HAS BEEN EXPENDED IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. NOT LATER THAN 4
12 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED
13 THIS SUBSECTION, THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL UPDATE ITS INITIAL AUDIT
14 TO ASSURE THAT MONEY IN THE FUND HAS BEEN EXPENDED IN COMPLIANCE
15 WITH LAW.

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
17 unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are
18 enacted into law:

- 19 (a) Senate Bill No. 1267.
20 (b) Senate Bill No. 1345.
21 (c) Senate Bill No. 1346.
22 (d) Senate Bill No. 1348.
23 (e) Senate Bill No. 1443.
24 (f) House Bill No. 6359.
25 (g) House Bill No. 6360.
26 (h) House Bill No. 6363.