

## DEFINITIONS IN THE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ACT

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### House Bill 4690 (H-1) as reported from committee

**Sponsor: Rep. Bronna Kahle**

**Committee: Elections and Ethics**

**Complete to 6-8-21**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4690 would amend 1978 PA 472, also known as the lobbyist registration act, to specify the individuals who qualify as an official in the executive and legislative branches.

Currently *official in the executive branch* includes the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, non-civil service individuals in the executive branch, specified directors of state departments, and nominees to certain executive branch offices. The act also specifies those who do not fall under this definition, including those serving in clerical, non-policy-making, or nonadministrative capacities.

The bill would update the names of the departments and modify the listed officials in those departments that would fall under the definition. It would make the following changes:

- In the governor's executive office, add policy director, policy advisor, and any other employee of the office other than an individual employed by the state in a clerical or non-policy-making capacity.
- In the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), add the director of the Unemployment Insurance Agency.
- In the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS), add the director of DIFS.
- In the Department of the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), add the director and remove members of the Air Pollution Control Commission and Water Resources Commission.
- Remove the director of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), which is currently housed in LEO.

The bill would also reflect the shifts of various agencies and offices between departments.

Additionally, the bill would add to *official in the legislative branch* the following officials: policy director or advisor for the minority or majority political party, budget director or advisor for the minority or majority political party, and an employee assigned to a legislator's office (other than those employed in a clerical or non-policy-making capacity).

The bill would take effect January 1, 2022.

MCL 4.415

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

**POSITIONS:**

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

Department of State (5-18-21)

Voters Not Politicians (5-11-21)

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