

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4227**

A bill to create a committee on Michigan's mining future; to provide for the powers and duties of certain governmental officers and agencies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act, "committee" means the committee  
2 on Michigan's mining future created in section 2(1).

3       Sec. 2. (1) The committee on Michigan's mining future is  
4 created within the department of environment, Great Lakes, and  
5 energy.

6       (2) The committee shall consist of the following members:

7       (a) Ten members appointed by the governor as follows:

8       (i) A member of a local chapter of an international steel  
9 workers union representing workers at an ongoing ferrous mining

1 operation in this state or workers from an idled ferrous mining  
2 operation in this state.

3 (ii) A member representing a ferrous mining operation in this  
4 state.

5 (iii) A member representing a metallic nonferrous mining  
6 operation in this state.

7 (iv) A member representing an aggregate mining operation in  
8 this state.

9 (v) Two members, each representing an environmental nonprofit  
10 organization in this state, with expertise in mining.

11 (vi) Two current or former research faculty members at a  
12 university in this state that hold a master's or doctorate degree  
13 in mining or geology.

14 (vii) A member representing a municipality in this state where  
15 a ferrous, metallic nonferrous, or aggregate mining operation is  
16 located.

17 (viii) A resident of this state who is a member of a federally  
18 recognized Indian tribe that has trust lands in this state.

19 (b) The directors of the following, or their designees:

20 (i) The Michigan economic development corporation, as defined  
21 in section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL  
22 125.2004.

23 (ii) The department of natural resources.

24 (iii) The department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy.

25 (c) A designee of each of the following:

26 (i) The state senator for the senate district with the highest  
27 production from metallic mineral mines in this state in the

1 calendar year preceding the year in which the appointment is made.

2 (ii) The state representative for the house district with the  
3 highest production from metallic mineral mines in this state in the  
4 calendar year preceding the year in which the appointment is made.

5 (3) The members first appointed to the committee under  
6 subsection (2) (a) shall be appointed within 30 days after the  
7 effective date of this act.

8 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the committee for a position under  
9 subsection (2) (a) or (c), the vacancy shall be filled in the same  
10 manner as the original appointment.

11 (5) The governor may remove a member of the committee  
12 appointed under subsection (2) (a) or (4) for incompetence,  
13 dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in  
14 office, or any other good cause.

15 (6) The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the  
16 director of the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy  
17 or his or her designee. At the first meeting, the committee shall  
18 elect from among its members a chairperson and other officers as it  
19 considers necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the  
20 committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the  
21 call of the chairperson or if requested by 3 or more members.

22 (7) A majority of the members of the committee constitute a  
23 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the  
24 committee. A majority of the members present and serving are  
25 required for official action of the committee.

26 (8) The business that the committee may perform shall be  
27 conducted at a public meeting of the committee held in compliance

1 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. A  
2 writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by  
3 the committee in the performance of an official function is subject  
4 to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to  
5 15.246.

6 (9) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation.  
7 However, members of the committee may be reimbursed for their  
8 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
9 official duties as members of the committee.

10 Sec. 3. The committee shall do all of the following:

11 (a) Recommend actions to strengthen and develop a sustainable,  
12 more diversified mining and minerals industry in this state while  
13 protecting the environment and natural resources of this state.

14 (b) Evaluate government policies that affect the mining and  
15 minerals industry.

16 (c) Recommend public policy strategies to enhance the growth  
17 of the mining and minerals industry, especially for research and  
18 development in mining and mineral processing technology, including  
19 pellet production, for the next generation of mining.

20 (d) Advise on the development of partnerships between  
21 industries, institutions, environmental groups, funding groups, and  
22 state and federal resources and other entities.

23 Sec. 4. Within 2 years after the effective date of this act,  
24 the committee shall submit a report on its work to the governor,  
25 the legislature, this state's United States Senators, and members  
26 of this state's United States congressional delegation.

27 Sec. 5. (1) The committee is dissolved 60 days after the

1 report is submitted under section 4.

2 (2) This act is repealed 90 days after the deadline for the  
3 report to be submitted under section 4.

4 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the  
5 date it is enacted into law.