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MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE ZONE ACT

House Bill 5365 Sponsor: Rep. Michael Hanley Committee: Urban Policy and Economic Development

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5365 AS INTRODUCED 11-13-97

The Michigan Renaissance Zone Act provides for the designation of renaissance zones wherein businesses and residents will receive certain tax exemptions, deductions, or credits. The act specifies the circumstances under which a person or business is eligible for the established exemptions. One of the circumstances under which a business may become eligible for these exemptions is by relocating the business from outside a renaissance zone into a renaissance zone. However, if a business relocates more than 25 full-time equivalent jobs from a local governmental unit that does not have renaissance zone to a local unit that is within a renaissance zone, the business is required to notify the Jobs Commission and the local unit from which the jobs are being relocated adopts a resolution objecting to the relocation, the business is prevented from being eligible for the exemptions, credits, and deductions granted under the act.

The bill would amend the Renaissance Zone Act to allow a local unit in which a renaissance zone is located to object to the relocation of jobs from that unit of government to another unit within a renaissance zone. Currently, if the business is relocating from a local governmental unit in which a renaissance zone is located, the local unit does not have the opportunity to object to the relocation.

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