

HOUSE BILL No. 6331

August 9, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Espinoza, Alma Smith, Tobocman, Polidori, Hood, Kolb, Sheltroun, Hunter, Mayes, Vagnozzi, Zelenko, Clack, Kathleen Law, Cushingberry, Plakas, Accavitti, Condino, Angerer, Bennett, Bieda, Leland, Lemmons, Jr., McDowell, Byrum, Gillard, Murphy, Meisner and Lemmons, III and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled
"Michigan economic growth authority act,"
by amending section 8 (MCL 207.808), as amended by 2006 PA 283.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) After receipt of an application, the authority may
2 enter into an agreement with an eligible business for a tax credit
3 under section 9 if the authority determines that all of the
4 following are met:

5 (a) Except as provided in subsection (5), the eligible
6 business creates 1 or more of the following within 12 months of the
7 expansion or location as determined by the authority:

8 (i) A minimum of 50 qualified new jobs at the facility if
9 expanding in this state.

1 (ii) A minimum of 100 qualified new jobs at the facility if
2 locating in this state.

3 (iii) A minimum of 25 qualified new jobs at the facility if the
4 facility is located in a neighborhood enterprise zone as determined
5 under the neighborhood enterprise zone act, 1992 PA 147, MCL
6 207.771 to 207.786, is located in a renaissance zone under the
7 Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to
8 125.2696, or is located in a federally designated empowerment zone,
9 rural enterprise community, or enterprise community.

10 (iv) A minimum of 5 qualified new jobs at the facility if the
11 eligible business is a qualified high-technology business.

12 (v) A minimum of 5 qualified new jobs at the facility if the
13 eligible business is a rural business.

14 (b) Except as provided in subsection (5), the eligible
15 business agrees to maintain 1 or more of the following for each
16 year that a credit is authorized under this act:

17 (i) A minimum of 50 qualified new jobs at the facility if
18 expanding in this state.

19 (ii) A minimum of 100 qualified new jobs at the facility if
20 locating in this state.

21 (iii) A minimum of 25 qualified new jobs at the facility if the
22 facility is located in a neighborhood enterprise zone as determined
23 under the neighborhood enterprise zone act, 1992 PA 147, MCL
24 207.771 to 207.786, is located in a renaissance zone under the
25 Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to
26 125.2696, or is located in a federally designated empowerment zone,
27 rural enterprise community, or enterprise community.

1 (iv) If the eligible business is a qualified high-technology
2 business, all of the following apply:

3 (A) A minimum of 5 qualified new jobs at the facility.

4 (B) A minimum of 25 qualified new jobs at the facility within
5 5 years after the date of the expansion or location as determined
6 by the authority and a minimum of 25 qualified new jobs at the
7 facility each year thereafter for which a credit is authorized
8 under this act.

9 (v) If the eligible business is a rural business, all of the
10 following apply:

11 (A) A minimum of 5 qualified new jobs at the facility.

12 (B) A minimum of 25 qualified new jobs at the facility within
13 5 years after the date of the expansion or location as determined
14 by the authority.

15 (c) Except as provided in subsection (5) and as otherwise
16 provided in this subdivision, in addition to the jobs specified in
17 subdivision (b), the eligible business, if already located within
18 this state, agrees to maintain a number of full-time jobs equal to
19 or greater than the number of full-time jobs it maintained in this
20 state prior to the expansion, as determined by the authority. After
21 an eligible business has entered into a written agreement as
22 provided in subsection (2), the authority may adjust the number of
23 full-time jobs required to be maintained by the authorized business
24 under this subdivision, in order to adjust for decreases in full-
25 time jobs in the authorized business in this state due to the
26 divestiture of operations, provided a single other person continues
27 to maintain those full-time jobs in this state. The authority shall

1 not approve a reduction in the number of full-time jobs to be
2 maintained unless the authority has determined that it can monitor
3 the maintenance of the full-time jobs in this state by the other
4 person, and the authorized business agrees in writing that the
5 continued maintenance of the full-time jobs in this state by the
6 other person, as determined by the authority, is a condition of
7 receiving tax credits under the written agreement. A full-time job
8 maintained by another person under this subdivision, that otherwise
9 meets the requirements of section 3(i), shall be considered a full-
10 time job, notwithstanding the requirement that a full-time job be
11 performed by an individual employed by an authorized business, or
12 an employee leasing company or professional employer organization
13 on behalf of an authorized business.

14 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the
15 average wage paid for all retained jobs and qualified new jobs is
16 equal to or greater than 150% of the federal minimum wage. However,
17 if the eligible business is a qualified high-technology business,
18 then the average wage paid for all qualified new jobs is equal to
19 or greater than 300% of the federal minimum wage.

20 (e) Except for a qualified high-technology business, the
21 expansion, retention, or location of the eligible business will not
22 occur in this state without the tax credits offered under this act.

23 (f) Except for an eligible business described in subsection
24 (5)(b)(ii), the local governmental unit in which the eligible
25 business will expand, be located, or maintain retained jobs, or a
26 local economic development corporation or similar entity, will make
27 a staff, financial, or economic commitment to the eligible business

1 for the expansion, retention, or location.

2 (g) The financial statements of the eligible business
3 indicated that it is financially sound or has submitted a chapter
4 11 plan of reorganization to the bankruptcy court and that its
5 plans for the expansion, retention, or location are economically
6 sound.

7 (h) Except for an eligible business described in subsection
8 (5)(c), the eligible business has not begun construction of the
9 facility.

10 (i) The expansion, retention, or location of the eligible
11 business will benefit the people of this state by increasing
12 opportunities for employment and by strengthening the economy of
13 this state.

14 (j) The tax credits offered under this act are an incentive to
15 expand, retain, or locate the eligible business in Michigan and
16 address the competitive disadvantages with sites outside this
17 state.

18 (k) A cost/benefit analysis reveals that authorizing the
19 eligible business to receive tax credits under this act will result
20 in an overall positive fiscal impact to the state.

21 (l) If feasible, as determined by the authority, in locating
22 the facility, the authorized business reuses or redevelops property
23 that was previously used for an industrial or commercial purpose.

24 (m) If the eligible business is a qualified high-technology
25 business described in section 3(m)(i), the eligible business agrees
26 that not less than 25% of the total operating expenses of the
27 business will be maintained for research and development for the

1 first 3 years of the written agreement.

2 (2) If the authority determines that the requirements of
3 subsection (1) or (5) have been met, the authority shall determine
4 the amount and duration of tax credits to be authorized under
5 section 9, and shall enter into a written agreement as provided in
6 this section. The duration of the tax credits shall not exceed 20
7 years or for an authorized business that is a distressed business,
8 3 years. In determining the amount and duration of tax credits
9 authorized, the authority shall consider the following factors:

10 (a) The number of qualified new jobs to be created or retained
11 jobs to be maintained.

12 (b) The average wage level of the qualified new jobs or
13 retained jobs relative to the average wage paid by private entities
14 in the county in which the facility is located.

15 (c) The total capital investment or new capital investment the
16 eligible business will make.

17 (d) The cost differential to the business between expanding,
18 locating, or retaining new jobs in Michigan and a site outside of
19 Michigan.

20 (e) The potential impact of the expansion, retention, or
21 location on the economy of Michigan.

22 (f) The cost of the credit under section 9, the staff,
23 financial, or economic assistance provided by the local government
24 unit, or local economic development corporation or similar entity,
25 and the value of assistance otherwise provided by this state.

26 (3) A written agreement between an eligible business and the
27 authority shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the

1 following:

2 (a) A description of the business expansion, retention, or
3 location that is the subject of the agreement.

4 (b) Conditions upon which the authorized business designation
5 is made.

6 (c) A statement by the eligible business that a violation of
7 the written agreement may result in the revocation of the
8 designation as an authorized business and the loss or reduction of
9 future credits under section 9.

10 (d) A statement by the eligible business that a
11 misrepresentation in the application may result in the revocation
12 of the designation as an authorized business and the refund of
13 credits received under section 9.

14 (e) A method for measuring full-time jobs before and after an
15 expansion, retention, or location of an authorized business in this
16 state.

17 (f) A written certification from the eligible business
18 regarding all of the following:

19 (i) The eligible business will follow a competitive bid process
20 for the construction, rehabilitation, development, or renovation of
21 the facility, and that this process will be open to all Michigan
22 residents and firms. The eligible business may not discriminate
23 against any contractor on the basis of its affiliation or
24 nonaffiliation with any collective bargaining organization.

25 (ii) The eligible business will make a good faith effort to
26 employ, if qualified, Michigan residents at the facility.

27 (iii) The eligible business will make a good faith effort to

1 employ or contract with Michigan residents and firms to construct,
2 rehabilitate, develop, or renovate the facility.

3 (iv) The eligible business is encouraged to make a good faith
4 effort to utilize Michigan-based suppliers and vendors when
5 purchasing goods and services.

6 (g) A condition that if the eligible business qualified under
7 subsection (5)(b)(ii) and met the subsection (1)(g) requirement by
8 filing a chapter 11 plan of reorganization, the plan must be
9 approved by the bankruptcy court within 2 years of the date of the
10 agreement or the agreement is rescinded.

11 (4) Upon execution of a written agreement as provided in this
12 section, an eligible business is an authorized business.

13 (5) After receipt of an application, the authority may enter
14 into a written agreement, which shall include a repayment provision
15 of all or a portion of the credits under section 9 for a violation
16 of the written agreement, with an eligible business that meets 1 or
17 more of the following criteria:

18 (a) Is located in this state on the date of the application,
19 makes new capital investment of \$250,000,000.00 in this state, and
20 maintains 500 retained jobs, as determined by the authority.

21 (b) Meets 1 or more of the following criteria:

22 (i) Relocates production of a product to this state after the
23 date of the application, makes capital investment of
24 \$500,000,000.00 in this state, and maintains 500 retained jobs, as
25 determined by the authority.

26 (ii) Maintains 150 retained jobs at a facility, maintains 1,000
27 or more full-time jobs in this state, and makes new capital

1 investment in this state.

2 (iii) Is located in this state on the date of the application,
3 maintains at least 100 retained jobs at a single facility, and
4 agrees to make new capital investment at that facility equal to the
5 greater of \$100,000.00 per retained job maintained at that facility
6 or \$10,000,000.00 to be completed or contracted for not later than
7 December 31, 2007.

8 (iv) Maintains 300 retained jobs at a facility; the facility is
9 at risk of being closed and if it were to close, the work would go
10 to a location outside this state, as determined by the authority;
11 new management or new ownership is proposed for the facility that
12 is committed to improve the viability of the facility; and the tax
13 credits offered under this act are necessary for the facility to
14 maintain operations. The authority may not enter into a written
15 agreement under this subparagraph after December 31, 2007. Of the
16 written agreements entered into under this subparagraph, the
17 authority may enter into 3 written agreements under this
18 subparagraph that are excluded from the requirements of subsection
19 (1)(e), (f), (g), (h), (j), and (k) if the authority considers it
20 in the public interest and if the eligible business would have met
21 the requirements of subsection (1)(e), (i), (j), and (k) within the
22 immediately preceding 6 months from the signing of the written
23 agreement for a tax credit.

24 (v) Maintains 100 retained jobs at a facility; is a rural
25 business; the facility is at risk of being closed and if it were to
26 close, the work would go to a location outside this state, as
27 determined by the authority; new management or new ownership is

1 proposed for the facility that is committed to improve the
2 viability of the facility; and the tax credits offered under this
3 act are necessary for the facility to maintain operations. The
4 authority may not enter into a written agreement under this
5 subparagraph after December 31, 2007. Of the written agreements
6 entered into under this subparagraph, the authority may enter into
7 3 written agreements under this subparagraph that are excluded from
8 the requirements of subsection (1)(e), (f), (g), (h), (j), and (k)
9 if the authority considers it in the public interest and if the
10 eligible business would have met the requirements of subsection
11 (1)(e), (i), (j), and (k) within the immediately preceding 6 months
12 from the signing of the written agreement for a tax credit.

13 (vi) Maintains 175 retained jobs and makes new capital
14 investment at a facility in a county with a population of not less
15 than 7,500 but not greater than 8,000.

16 (vii) Is located in this state on the date of the application,
17 maintains at least 675 retained jobs at a facility, agrees to
18 create 400 new jobs, and agrees to make a new capital investment of
19 at least \$45,000,000.00 to be completed or contracted for not later
20 than December 31, 2007. Of the written agreements entered into
21 under this subparagraph, the authority may enter into 1 written
22 agreement under this subparagraph that is excluded from the
23 requirements of subsection (1)(h) if the authority considers it in
24 the public interest.

25 (c) Is a distressed business.

26 (6) The authority shall not execute more than 25 new written
27 agreements each year for eligible businesses that are not qualified

1 high-technology businesses, distressed businesses, or rural
2 businesses. If the authority executes less than 25 new written
3 agreements in a year, the authority may carry forward for 1 year
4 only the difference between 25 and the number of new agreements
5 executed in the immediately preceding year.

6 (7) The authority shall not execute more than 50 new written
7 agreements each year for eligible businesses that are qualified
8 high-technology businesses or rural business. Only 25 of the 50
9 written agreements for businesses that are qualified high-
10 technology businesses or rural business may be executed each year
11 for qualified rural businesses.

12 (8) The authority shall not execute more than 20 new written
13 agreements each year for eligible businesses that are distressed
14 businesses. The authority shall not execute more than 5 of the
15 written agreements described in this subsection each year for
16 distressed businesses that had 1,000 or more full-time jobs at a
17 facility 4 years immediately preceding the application to the
18 authority under this act.

19 (9) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007, THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT ENTER
20 INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AN ELIGIBLE BUSINESS THAT HAS BEEN FOUND
21 GUILTY OF A CRIMINAL VIOLATION OR FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL
22 VIOLATION UNDER SECTION 1131 OR 1132 OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT
23 SECURITY ACT OF 1974, 29 USC 1131 OR 1132, IN THE IMMEDIATELY
24 PRECEDING 10 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION.