

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6052**

A bill to evaluate certain economic development incentives; to report those evaluations and make certain recommendations; and to impose certain powers and duties on certain state employees and officials.

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

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "economic development incentive evaluation act".

3           Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Contractor" means the private entity, nonprofit entity,  
5 or academic institution selected by the department under section 5  
6 to evaluate certain economic development incentives.

7           (b) "Department" means the department of technology,  
8 management, and budget.

9           (c) "Economic development incentive" means the abatements, tax

1 credits, exemptions, grants, loans, or loan guarantees related to  
2 economic development activities in this state as determined by the  
3 Michigan strategic fund provided under the following acts:

4 (i) The Michigan business tax act, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1101 to  
5 208.1601.

6 (ii) The income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.1 to  
7 206.713.

8 (iii) 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.551 to 207.572.

9 (iv) The commercial redevelopment act, 1978 PA 255, MCL  
10 207.651 to 207.668.

11 (v) The enterprise zone act, 1985 PA 224, MCL 125.2101 to  
12 125.2123.

13 (vi) 1953 PA 189, MCL 211.181 to 211.182.

14 (vii) The technology park development act, 1984 PA 385, MCL  
15 207.701 to 207.718.

16 (viii) Part 511 of the natural resources and environmental  
17 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.51101 to 324.51120.

18 (ix) The neighborhood enterprise zone act, 1992 PA 147, MCL  
19 207.771 to 207.786.

20 (x) The city utility users tax act, 1990 PA 100, MCL 141.1151  
21 to 141.1177.

22 (xi) The city income tax act, 1964 PA 284, MCL 141.501 to  
23 141.787.

24 (xii) The general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to  
25 211.155.

26 (xiii) The Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995 PA 24,  
27 MCL 207.801 to 207.810.

1           (xiv) The Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL  
2 125.2681 to 125.2696.

3           (xv) The obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146,  
4 MCL 125.2781 to 125.2797.

5           (xvi) The brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381,  
6 MCL 125.2651 to 125.2670.

7           (xvii) The Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL  
8 125.2001 to 125.2094.

9           (xviii) Any new economic development programs as determined by  
10 the Michigan strategic fund.

11           (d) "Exclusive economic development incentive" means an  
12 economic development incentive that is intended to encourage a  
13 single specific entity, project, or associated projects to locate,  
14 expand, invest, or remain in this state or to hire or retain  
15 employees in this state as determined by the strategic fund.

16           (e) "The strategic fund" means the fund under the Michigan  
17 strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094.

18           Sec. 5. (1) The department shall contract with 1 or more  
19 contractors for the periodic evaluation of economic development  
20 incentives. The department along with the department of treasury  
21 and the Michigan strategic fund shall develop a scope of services  
22 for a request for proposals for professional services necessary to  
23 complete the economic development incentive evaluations under this  
24 act. The department may solicit input from a local governmental  
25 unit or 1 or more public agencies, as those terms are defined in  
26 section 2 of the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA  
27 7, MCL 124.502, or a Michigan economic development corporation

1 corporate partner, in developing the scope of services for a  
2 request for proposal for professional services necessary to  
3 complete an economic development incentive evaluation under this  
4 act. When selecting a contractor, the department shall consider the  
5 ability for economic development incentive evaluations to be done  
6 in an objective manner.

7 (2) The contractor will complete the economic development  
8 incentive evaluations within 270 days of entering into the  
9 contract. The department shall provide the economic development  
10 incentive evaluation with any additional information to the house  
11 and senate appropriations committees no more than 30 days after the  
12 completion of the evaluation.

13 (3) The department shall enter into contracts with contractors  
14 for economic development incentive evaluations as follows:

15 (a) At least once every 6 years for economic development  
16 incentives funded with state appropriations of \$15,000,000.00 or  
17 less each year.

18 (b) At least once every 4 years for all other economic  
19 development incentives, excluding programs that have entered into  
20 legacy status. A program is considered to be in legacy status if  
21 the Michigan strategic fund board or other governing body has not  
22 approved, authorized, or originated any new abatement, tax credit,  
23 or exemption, or distributed funds under a grant, loan, or loan  
24 guarantee within the immediately preceding fiscal year period.

25 (c) Upon the conclusion of an economic development incentive,  
26 a 1-time final analysis.

27 (4) At the request of the department, state agencies shall

1 provide to the contractor, to the extent permitted by law, any  
2 records, information, data, or data analysis necessary for the  
3 contractors to effectively evaluate the economic development  
4 incentives. The contractor shall not disclose or release any data  
5 received from state agencies, except as permitted by law. A record  
6 or portion of a record, material, or other data that relates to  
7 financial, commercial, or proprietary information of any entity  
8 that received an economic development incentive provided by another  
9 department, agency, municipality, or political subdivision of this  
10 state to the department or a contractor in connection with review  
11 of an economic development incentive under this act shall not be  
12 subject to the disclosure requirements of the freedom of  
13 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. The department  
14 and contractor may only use the financial or commercial information  
15 for carrying out the purposes of this act and shall not disclose or  
16 release any data received from a department, agency, municipality,  
17 or political subdivision of this state.

18 (5) Economic development incentive evaluations shall be  
19 published on the department's website. The department shall also  
20 publish the name of each contractor who is awarded a contract under  
21 this act and a schedule of economic development incentives and when  
22 they shall be evaluated.

23 Sec. 7. The department, in conjunction with the strategic fund  
24 and the department of treasury, shall, not later than February 28,  
25 2019, develop a multiyear schedule that lists all economic  
26 development incentives and indicates the year when an economic  
27 development incentive evaluation will be published for each

1 economic development incentive. The department shall consider  
2 economic development incentive sunset dates and program inactivity  
3 when creating the schedule and may group economic development  
4 incentives for review by objective or policy rationale of each  
5 economic development incentive. The department shall update the  
6 schedule annually and include any new economic development programs  
7 as determined by the Michigan strategic fund. The department shall  
8 also list all economic development incentives that are exclusive  
9 economic development incentives.

10           Sec. 9. (1) Evaluations of economic development incentives  
11 shall include, to the extent practicable, all of the following:

12           (a) A description of the history of the economic development  
13 incentive and its goals.

14           (b) A literature review of the effectiveness of this type of  
15 incentive, including an inventory of similar incentives in other  
16 states.

17           (c) An estimate of the economic and fiscal impact of the  
18 economic development incentive. This estimate shall take into  
19 account all of the following considerations in addition to other  
20 relevant factors:

21           (i) The extent to which the economic development incentive  
22 influences business behavior.

23           (ii) The results of the economic development incentive for the  
24 economy of this state as a whole. This consideration includes both  
25 positive direct and indirect impacts and any negative effects on  
26 other businesses located in this state.

27           (iii) A comparison to the results of other economic

1 development incentives or other economic development strategies  
2 with similar goals.

3 (iv) An evaluation of the loss of potential gains from other  
4 alternatives or programs enacted by the legislature or existing  
5 economic development incentives that have been extended.

6 (d) An assessment of whether adequate protections are in place  
7 to ensure that the fiscal impact of the economic development  
8 incentive does not increase substantially beyond the state's means  
9 or expectations in future years.

10 (e) An assessment of whether the economic development  
11 incentive is being administered effectively, including a review of  
12 auditor general reports.

13 (f) An assessment of whether the economic development  
14 incentive is achieving its goals.

15 (g) Recommendations for how this state can most effectively  
16 achieve the economic development incentive's goals, including  
17 recommendations on whether the economic development incentive  
18 should be retained, reconfigured, or repealed.

19 (h) Recommendations for any changes to state policy, rules, or  
20 statutes that would allow the economic development incentive to be  
21 more easily or conclusively evaluated in the future. These  
22 recommendations may include changes to collection, reporting and  
23 sharing of data, and revisions or clarifications to the goal of the  
24 economic development incentive.

25 (i) Any other information the contractor considers necessary  
26 to assess the effectiveness of the economic development incentive  
27 and whether it is achieving its goals.

1           (2) Each evaluation for exclusive economic development  
2 incentives shall include all of the following based on a program-  
3 wide basis:

4           (a) Aggregate information and a description of trends related  
5 to this state's exclusive economic development incentives, which  
6 may include analysis of their structure, performance standards, and  
7 economic and fiscal impact.

8           (b) Recommendations for how exclusive economic development  
9 incentives should be structured or in what circumstances they  
10 should be offered to ensure they successfully change business  
11 behavior.

12           (c) Recommendations for how exclusive economic development  
13 incentives should be structured or in what circumstances they  
14 should be offered to maximize positive direct and indirect impacts  
15 on this state's economy and minimize negative effects on other  
16 businesses located in this state.

17           (d) Recommendations for how exclusive economic development  
18 incentives should be structured or in what circumstances they  
19 should be offered to ensure that they represent a cost-effective  
20 approach compared to other economic development incentive programs  
21 or other economic development strategies.

22           (e) Recommendations for what protections exclusive economic  
23 development incentives should include ensuring their costs do not  
24 substantially exceed this state's expectations.

25           (f) Recommendations for how exclusive economic development  
26 incentives should be structured or in what circumstances they  
27 should be offered to avoid adverse impacts on the fiscal stability



1 of local units of government.

2 (g) Recommendations for the types of performance standards  
3 that should be included in exclusive economic development  
4 incentives, how these standards should be structured, and how they  
5 should be monitored.

6 (3) A contractor shall disclose a summary of its methodology  
7 and source materials in how it arrived at its evaluation under this  
8 act.