

HOUSE BILL No. 6238

June 12, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Lasinski, Gay-Dagnogo, Chirkun, Chang, Yancey, LaGrand, Greimel, Ellison, Cochran, Green, Geiss, Pagan, Wittenberg, Moss, Zemke, Hertel, Elder, Brinks, Peterson, Singh, Durhal and Jones and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Trade.

A bill to create certain offices in the executive branch; and to impose certain duties and responsibilities on certain offices and officers and on certain state employees and public employees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the department of talent and economic
3 development.

4 (b) "Office" means the office of small business and
5 entrepreneurship services created in section 2.

6 (c) "Small business" means a business concern incorporated or
7 doing business in this state that employs fewer than 250 full-time
8 employees and that has gross annual sales of less than
9 \$12,500,000.00.

10 Sec. 2. (1) The office of small business and entrepreneurship

1 services is created in the department.

2 (2) The office shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Facilitate the creation and retention of small business
4 jobs in this state.

5 (b) Create and operate an internet website for small
6 businesses and entrepreneurship services that includes, but is not
7 limited to, all of the following:

8 (i) Provides step-by-step instructions on the governmental
9 requirements of how to start and operate a business in this state.

10 (ii) Is a comprehensive economic development resource for
11 small businesses in this state.

12 (iii) Contains a searchable database that directs job
13 providers to the websites of all relevant business organizations
14 and governmental entities governing their business based on
15 location and type of business.

16 (iv) Identifies appropriate academic programs, personnel, and
17 resources in Michigan colleges and universities that are available
18 to help small businesses and strengthen entrepreneurial activities.

19 (c) Coordinate programs across state government to create and
20 retain small business jobs in this state.

21 (d) Aid and assist small business and entrepreneurs in this
22 state.

23 (e) Work to create a small business environment that
24 encourages and sustains entrepreneurship in this state.

25 (f) Facilitate the promotion of a positive customer service
26 culture of state employees who interact with the public.

27 Sec. 3. Not later than January 1 of each year, the office

1 shall report to each house of the legislature all of the following
2 for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

3 (a) A detailed analysis of the activities of the office in
4 implementing the programs and activities described in section 2(2).

5 (b) The number of new jobs created by small businesses.

6 (c) Recommendations for improvements in the programs and
7 activities described in section 2(2).