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Senate Bill 481 (as introduced 9-12-23)
Sponsor: Senator Veronica Klinefelt
Committee: Economic and Community Development

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 317 of 2006, which establishes certain entities in the Michigan Strategic Fund, including the Michigan Defense Center, to update references to procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs) to APEX Accelerators.

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BACKGROUND

Generally, PTACs provide small businesses with no-cost advising on all aspects of government contracting, including selling to Federal, state, and local governments and fulfilling contracts. The United States Department of Defense (DoD) partially funds PTACs. In December 2022, the DoD and the Small Business Administration signed a memorandum of understanding that transitioned the program from the DoD's Defense Logistics Agency to its Office of Small Business Programs.¹ Additionally, PTACs were renamed APEX Accelerators. There are eleven APEX Accelerators in Michigan, including one serving the Upper Peninsula and four in the Detroit Tri-County Area.²

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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¹ Ellis, Stephanie, "Goodbye PTAC, Hello APEX Accelerators", *SmallGovCon*, Koprince McCall Pottroff LLC, December 12, 2022.

² For a map of these locations and more information, see <https://www.apexaccelerators.us/>.

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