

When Michigan tax dollars create jobs, Michigan residents — not illegal immigrants or people from other states — should get first crack at those jobs.

Rewards companies that hire Michigan workers

Gives companies that hire Michigan workers priority in the awarding of state tax breaks and other economic development tools.

Requires companies to report who they hire

Companies that accept state economic development incentives must file reports about who they hire to ensure that they are putting Michigan workers first and playing by the rules.

Ensures that Michigan workers build state buildings

Businesses with contracts for construction of state buildings must hire 100 percent of their workers from Michigan.

Currently, the requirement is only 50 percent.

Cracks down on companies that knowingly hire illegal immigrants

Companies that hire illegal immigrants would face penalties that can include requiring them to pay back their tax incentives and barring them from future state contracts.



Hire Michigan First: Bill Summaries and Sponsors

Rep. Marilyn Lane — Specifies that the Michigan Strategic Fund board will not approve a request for assistance for an economic development project, loan or grant unless the requesting party agrees in writing not to work with any business that hires illegal workers and agrees in writing to hire only Michigan residents. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by creating reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.

Rep. Dian Slavens – Amends the Brownfield Redevelopment Act to prohibit a Brownfield Authority from using tax revenues to pay or reimburse a business entity unless that business agrees in writing to hire only Michigan workers and not hire undocumented workers, and to subcontract with businesses that hire Michigan workers and not undocumented workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by creating reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.

Rep. Douglas Geiss — Requires the Department of Management and Budget to ensure that 100 percent of the workers involved in the construction, alteration, repair or rebuilding of a state building or other state property are Michigan residents for at least a year before beginning work.

Rep. Woodrow Stanley — Allows the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) to ban a business entity/vendor from bidding on contracts if the business has hired illegal workers or violated the prevailing wage in state contracts law. The bill also outlines the DMB's options when dealing with contractors who knowingly hire illegal workers.

Rep. Lisa Brown — Requires accountability and transparency in state contracting by requiring the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to file a report on Feb. 1 of each year containing the number of Michigan residents employed in the new jobs stemming from state contracts of the preceding year. This will allow policy makers and the public to verify that Michigan tax dollars are being used in ways that benefit Michigan workers.

Rep. Jim Townsend — Amends the Renaissance Zone Act so that companies that hire Michigan workers are given preference in the application process. The bill also prevents companies from receiving tax incentives unless they agree to not hire or contract with any business that knowingly hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by creating reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.

Rep. Steve Lindberg — Amends the Michigan Economic Growth Authority Act to ensure companies that agree to hire Michigan workers receive preference under the application process. The bill also prevents companies from receiving tax incentives allowed under the act unless they agree in writing not to hire or contract with any business that knowingly hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by expanding reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.

Rep. David Rutledge — Amends the Historic Preservation tax credit under the Michigan Business Tax Act to ensure that the Michigan Historic Center gives preference to businesses that agree to hire Michigan workers. The bill also prevents companies from receiving tax incentives allowed under the act unless they agree in writing to not hire or contract with any business that knowingly hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by expanding reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.

Rep. Brandon Dillon — Amends the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act to state that local government would not be able to approve an application for an exemption unless the business states in writing that they will make a good faith effort to employ and contract with companies that hire Michigan workers. The bill also prevents a company from receiving a benefit under the act unless the applicant states in writing that they would not knowingly hire or contract with any business that knowingly hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by creating reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents bird

Rep. Charles Brunner — Amends the Industrial Development Revenue Bond Act so that municipalities would not be able to issue bonds or notes under the act unless the applicant states in writing that they would make a good faith effort to hire Michigan residents and prohibit companies from receiving benefits if they knowingly hire or contract with any business that knowingly hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by requiring municipalities that issue bonds or notes to submit an annual report to the Michigan Strategic Fund containing the number of Michigan residents employed and the number of jobs created from the exemption certificate granted.

Rep. Alberta Tinsley-Talabi — Amends the Plant Rehabilitation Act to state that local governments cannot approve an application for an exemption certificate under the act unless the applicant states in writing that they will make a good faith effort to hire Michigan workers. The bill also prevents a company from receiving benefits if they hire or contract with any business that hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by creating reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.

Rep. Timothy Bledsoe – Amends the Transportation Economic Development Fund statute to ensure an administrator could not use proceeds of the fund unless they state in writing they will make a good faith effort to hire Michigan workers and not hire or contract with a business that hires illegal workers. The bill also ensures accountability and transparency by expanding reporting requirements regarding the number of jobs created and Michigan residents hired.