

SENATE BILL NO. 140

January 27, 1999, Introduced by Senator HART and referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Labor, Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to establish a fund for job training and skill development grants to unemployed and underemployed individuals.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Fund" means the job training and skill development fund
3 created in section 2.

4 (b) "Underemployed" means an individual who is working
5 part-time or full-time and receiving wages that are less than 70%
6 of the lower living standard income level as determined by the
7 United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.

8 (c) "Unemployed" means an individual without employment who
9 is ready and available for work.

10 Sec. 2. (1) The job training and skill development fund is
11 created within the state treasury.

1 (2) The state treasury may receive money or other assets
2 from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer
3 shall direct the investment of the fund, and shall credit to the
4 fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

5 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
6 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

7 (4) Subject to subsection (5), the Michigan jobs commission
8 shall expend money from the fund to provide grants that do not
9 exceed \$500.00 per individual to unemployed and underemployed
10 individuals for job training and skills development.

11 (5) A grant under this section shall not be made to an indi-
12 vidual unless the individual is eligible to receive a federal
13 grant of \$2,600.00 for job training and skills development.