

SENATE BILL No. 840

November 12, 2003, Introduced by Senators STAMAS, KUIPERS, JOHNSON, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, McMANUS, GOSCHKA, ALLEN, TOY, BIRKHOLZ, VAN WOERKOM, BROWN, PATTERSON, GARCIA, GILBERT, BISHOP, SANBORN, HAMMERSTROM and SIKKEMA and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to create certain offices in certain departments; to provide for the appointment of certain officers with the advice and consent of the senate; and to impose certain duties and responsibilities on those officers and on certain state employees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act, "department" means the
2 department of labor and economic growth described in Executive
3 Order No. 2003-18.

4 Sec. 2. (1) The office of small business czar is created in
5 the department. The small business czar shall be appointed by
6 the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The
7 individual appointed small business czar shall have experience in
8 creating jobs in the private sector. The small business czar
9 shall report directly to the director of the department.

1 (2) The small business czar shall do all of the following:

2 (a) Devote his or her entire time to facilitating the
3 creation and retention of small business jobs in this state.

4 (b) Implement the portions of the department's strategic plan
5 that address small business job creation and retention in this
6 state.

7 (c) Coordinate all programs within the department to create
8 and retain small business jobs in this state.

9 (d) Coordinate programs across government to create and
10 retain small business jobs in this state.

11 (e) Aid and assist small business in this state.

12 (f) Work to create a business environment that encourages and
13 sustains entrepreneurship in this state.

14 (g) Work to empower entrepreneurs to take advantage of the
15 opportunities the market offers in this state.