

# HOUSE BILL No. 4617

April 24, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Tlaib, Santana, Irwin, Dillon, Hovey-Wright, Kandrevas, Knezek, Singh, Robinson, Lipton, Darany, Schor and Ananich and referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

A bill to establish the office of immigrant integration; to prescribe the powers and duties of the office and of certain state and local departments and agencies; and to establish a fund.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2       "aspiring citizens act".

3       (2) As used in this act:

4       (a) "Fund" means the immigrant integration fund created in  
5       section 3.

6       (b) "Immigrant" means an individual who was born outside of  
7       the United States and who is a resident of this state.

8       (c) "Office" means the office of immigrant integration  
9       established in section 2.

10       Sec. 2. (1) The office of immigrant integration is established

1 within the Michigan strategic fund under the Michigan strategic  
2 fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094.

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

4 (a) Conduct studies and recommend proposals affecting  
5 immigrant integration services in the areas of education,  
6 employment, civil rights, health, housing, English language  
7 instruction, and other areas that promote social, cultural, and  
8 economic integration.

9 (b) Recommend to federal, state, and local governmental  
10 departments and agencies the creation of services, programs, and  
11 facilities it considers necessary or advisable to aid in immigrant  
12 integration.

13 (c) Serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and  
14 distribution of information on immigrant integration.

15 (d) Apply for and accept grants and gifts from governmental  
16 and private sources for deposit into the fund.

17 (e) Administer the fund.

18 (f) Review and approve grants to be made from federal, state,  
19 or private funds that are administered by the office.

20 (g) Cooperate with and obtain assistance from state and local  
21 governmental departments and agencies to provide immigrants with  
22 access to information, resources, and services to assist the  
23 integration of immigrants in this state.

24 (h) Implement and coordinate a unified policy and plan of  
25 action to encourage and facilitate the integration of immigrants in  
26 this state.

27 Sec. 3. (1) The immigrant integration fund is created within

1 the state treasury.

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

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

8 (4) The office is the administrator of the fund for auditing  
9 purposes.

10 (5) The office shall expend money from the fund, upon  
11 appropriation, only for the following purposes:

12 (a) To facilitate the integration of immigrants in this state.

13 (b) To coordinate the delivery of information, resources, and  
14 services that are available for immigrant integration in the areas  
15 of education, employment, civil rights, health, housing, English  
16 language instruction, and other areas that promote social,  
17 cultural, and economic integration.