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Senate Bill 1085 (as introduced 9-20-16)

Sponsor: Senator Dale W. Zorn

Committee: Economic Development and International Investment

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 8A (21st Century Investment Programs and Activities) of the Michigan Strategic Fund Act to include in the definition of "qualified new job" a job performed by an individual who is not a resident of the State but is employed by a business that is located in a county in the State that borders another state or country and who works at that business location at least 50% of the time each year.

Section 88r, in Chapter 8A, requires the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) to create and operate the Michigan Business Development Program to provide grants, loans, and other economic assistance to qualified businesses that make qualified investments or provide qualified new jobs in the State. The Michigan Business Development Program must provide for all of the following:

- Grants, loans, and other economic assistance to assist qualified businesses in making qualified investments and providing new jobs in the State, with preference given to qualified businesses that need additional assistance for deal-closing and for second stage company gap financing.
- A detailed application, approval, and compliance process published and available on the MSF's website that meets specific criteria as outlined under Section 88r.

In any fiscal year, a qualified business may not receive more than \$10.0 million for a project funded under Section 88r.

"Qualified business" means a business that is located in or operates in, or will locate or operate in, the State as determined by the MSF. A qualified business may include more than one business. "Qualified investment" means investment in the State related to a project subject to a written agreement.

"Qualified new job" means a job performed by an individual who is a resident of the State whose Michigan income taxes are withheld by an employer, or an employee leasing company or professional employer organization on behalf of the employer, that exceeds the number of jobs maintained by the qualified business in the State prior to the expansion or location, as determined and verified by the MSF. The bill would include a job performed by an individual meeting the criteria for a nonresident described above, in excess of the number of jobs maintained by the qualified business in Michigan before the expansion or location.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal impact on the Department of Talent and Economic Development, and would result in only minor increases in the total spending/capture of revenue for economic development-related programs. The Department, which houses the Michigan Strategic Fund, would experience some additional costs to modify the system for calculating a "qualified new job". These costs would be minimal. Economic development programs that use a "qualified new job" definition in calculating the incentive would be likely to have increases in the individual awards/grants to individual recipients/projects. However, since these programs largely cap the total amount that can be awarded in total or in a single year, it is unlikely that the bill would significantly increase the cost to these programs and require additional appropriations.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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