

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 318

Reps. Griffin, Calley, Morse, Rogers, Hall and Frederick offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to oppose the United States Department of Labor's
2 proposed rule change regarding Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service
3 services without an exception for states like Michigan that
4 previously transferred this work out of state employment.

5 Whereas, The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) has
6 published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Docket No. ETA-2022-
7 0003) that would reverse current federal policy that allows states
8 maximum flexibility in staffing to provide Wagner-Peyser Act
9 Employment Service (ES) services. The proposal would require
10 states, with no exceptions, to use state merit staff to provide ES
11 services; and

12 Whereas, Current federal policy has allowed Michigan to use

1 local merit staff to deliver ES services through the local network
2 of Michigan Works! agencies. In 2021, these agencies provided
3 services to over 86,000 job seekers; and

4 Whereas, The current federal policy of staffing flexibility
5 allows for strong local relationships with businesses, higher
6 education, nonprofits, childcare, elementary and secondary
7 education, adult education providers, and other partners. These
8 partnerships allow for more efficient customer service to connect
9 job seekers with in-demand jobs and training opportunities; and

10 Whereas, The staffing model under the proposed federal changes
11 would negatively impact both job seekers and employers in Michigan
12 and other states that have previously transferred this work out of
13 state employment. The new staffing model would result in staff and
14 service reductions that would limit the ability to provide critical
15 services. The change would also risk the potential loss of several
16 of the 99 full and satellite Michigan Works! American Job Centers
17 across the state; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose the
19 United States Department of Labor's proposed rule change regarding
20 Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) services without an
21 exception for states like Michigan that previously transferred this
22 work out of state employment; and be it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 U.S. Secretary of Labor, the members of the Michigan Works!
25 Association Board of Directors, and the members of the Michigan
26 congressional delegation.