

# House Watch

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## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### [HB 4441](#) (Bauer)

Higher Education appropriations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 473: 57 yes, 51 no]

### [HB 4436](#) (McDowell)

Department of Community Health appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 474: 56 yes, 52 no]

### [SB 254](#) (Hardiman)

Department of Transportation appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 475: 108 yes, 0 no]

### [SB 245](#) (Pappageorge)

General Government appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

- Board cleared, not adopted

### [HB 4447](#) (Terry Brown)

School aid budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010.

- The conference report was not adopted [RC 479: 2 yes, 106 no]

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

### [HB 5126](#)

(McDowell)

Under the Mental Health Code, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs) are permitted to carry forward up to 5% of the State portion of their budgets. The carry-forward provision has a sunset of September 30, 2008. House Bill 5126 (as passed by the House) would eliminate the sunset provision, thus allowing the CMHSPs to carry forward funds in FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, and subsequent fiscal years.

- The House concurred with the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 476: 108 yes, 0 no]

### [HB 5100](#)

(Clemente)

The bill (S-2) would amend Chapter 8A (21st Century Investment Programs and Activities) of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) Act to delete a requirement that the Strategic Economic Investment and Commercialization Board (commercialization board) authorize certain minimum expenditures for competitive edge technology grants and loans; and require the MSF to grant \$9.0 million for a bioeconomy research and commercialization institute. Under Chapter 8A, the MSF board may not spend more than certain amounts each year from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund for specific purposes, including 70% for competitive edge technology grants and loans. The bill would delete a requirement that the commercialization board authorize the expenditure of at least \$25.0 million for that purpose in fiscal year (FY) 2008-09 through FY 2011-12. In addition, under the bill, beginning October 1, 2009, before entering into an agreement for the designation and operation of a Center of Energy Excellence, the MSF would have to execute a grant agreement with a "qualified economic development organization" for \$9.0 million for the development and operation of a bioeconomy research and commercialization institute. The grant would have to be payable in equal yearly installments over the three fiscal years. "Qualified economic development organization" would mean an entity that maintains a partnership with an institution of higher education located in another community to facilitate the reuse of life science facilities and equipment; received money in FY 2007-08 from the MSF to facilitate the reuse of life science facilities and equipment; and, in partnership with an institution of higher education, established a bioeconomy research and commercialization institute focused on research in biofuels, biomaterials, and biochemicals at a facility donated to an institution of higher education by a private company.

- Clemente-2 adopted
- The House concurred with the Senate substitute S-3, as amended [RC 477: 97 yes, 11 no]

### [HB 5311](#)

(Smith)

The bill would enable eligible prisoners to continue to participate in the Special Alternative Incarceration program, otherwise known as the "boot camp program".

- The House concurred in the Senate substitute S-2 [RC 478: 108 yes, 0 no]

# FINAL PASSAGE

## **SB 252**

**(Jelinek)**

School Aid continuation budget.

- Cushingberry substitute H-2 adopted
- SB 252 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 252 was passed [RC 480: 67 yes, 41 no]
- IE was ordered

## **SB 831**

**(Jelinek)**

SB 831 would appropriate \$3.062 billion for all state operations for one-month as an “interim” state budget, in the event legislators are not able to resolve a large gap between how much they would like to spend and how much taxes, fees, and borrowed money they expect the state to take in during the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2009.

- SB 831 was advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
- SB 831 was passed [RC 470: 88 yes, 18 no]
- IE was ordered.

## **HB 5403**

**(Cushingberry)**

HB 5403 would provide a template for a potential supplemental school aid appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Note: This would accommodate proposals to adopt a budget that includes no taxes before the fiscal year begins, while then passing tax hikes and supplemental budgets to spend them afterwards.

- Substitute H-1 was not adopted.
- Cushingberry H-2 was adopted.
- McDowell 2-A was adopted.
- HB 5403 was advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
- HB 5403 was passed [RC 471: 66 yes, 42 No]
- IE was not ordered [RC 472: 66 yes, 42 no]