



# 2017 ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORECARD

## MICHIGAN SENATE

Description	Ban local food and beverage taxes	Corporate subsidies sold as the "Good Jobs" package	Tax capture scheme sold as the "M-100" package	Public school employee pension reform	Repeal rule banning car running in driveway	Ban discrimination against charter schools when selling property	Preempt local bars on employer interview questions	Subsidize certain grocery stores in urban areas	Bring Michigan law in line with the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling	Repeal a school hiring preference mandate	Authorize Flint "rommie zone" tax increment financing	License dental therapists to perform certain procedures	Give road salt contracts to Detroit Salt Company	Authorize public-private facility agreements that resemble corporate welfare schemes	Create framework for enhanced education savings accounts	Appropriations: K-12 School Aid budget	Resolution in agreement with restricting collective bargaining topics	Impose new licensure fees security guard businesses	"Bad driver tax" repeal and amnesty	
Sponsor	Rep. Rob VerHeulden	Sen. Jim Stamas	Sen. Kenneth Horn	Sen. Phil Pavlov	Rep. Holly Hughes	Sen. Mike Shirkey	Sen. John Proos	Rep. Andy Schor	Rep. Dave Robertson	Rep. Mary Whiteford	Sen. Jim Ananich	Sen. Mike Shirkey	Sen. Rick Jones	Sen. Mike Kowall	Sen. Patrick Cobbeck	Amendment offered by Sen. Coleman Young II	Sen. Dave Robertson	Sen. Bert Johnson	Sen. David Knezek	
Bill #	HB 4999	SB 242	SB 111	SB 401	HB 4215	SB 249	SB 353	HB 4207	SB 335	HB 4166	SB 96	SB 541	SB 363	SB 97	SB 544	SB 149	SR 92	SB 189	SB 615	
SB17 Roll Call Vote #	SRC 386	SRC 323	SRC 174	SRC 261	SRC 248	SRC 202	SRC 361	SRC 555	SRC 337	SRC 436	SRC 405	SRC 379	SRC 221	SRC 40	SRC 474	SRC 149	SRC 339	SRC 92	SRC 425	
Summary	<p>A bill that stops local units of government in Michigan from imposing excise taxes on food or beverages. Among other things, this bill bans taxes on soft drinks. Note: This bill is an appropriate legal and philosophical state pre-emption of local authority because it preserves and protects free exchange from encroachment.</p> <p>One bill in a broader package that redistributes \$200 million of state revenue to certain businesses. Eligible companies would get cash subsidies for up to 10 years equal to half or all of the income tax paid by their employees.</p> <p>One bill in a broader package that allows certain well-connected real estate developers to capture a portion of the tax revenue collected by government within a specific geographic location, including sales, use, and income tax revenue totaling as much as \$1 billion.</p> <p>Overhauls the public school employee retirement system in order to incentivize employees to choose fully-funded, contribution-driven retirement accounts. This bill accomplishes this by establishing a system of generous employer contributions in the defined contribution system and greater cost-sharing in the traditional pension system option.</p> <p>Repeals a rule that prohibits leaving an unattended vehicle running other than on a public street or highway. Allows individuals to "warm up" a car in their own driveway without fear of a potential fine.</p> <p>Closes various loopholes that public school districts and local governments have exploited to avoid having to sell property to a charter or private school.</p> <p>Stops local governments from enacting prohibitions on an employer's freedom to ask about a prospective employee's salary history during a job interview. Note: This bill is an appropriate legal and philosophical state pre-emption of local authority because it preserves and protects free exchange from encroachment.</p> <p>To authorize roughly \$1-\$2 million in state subsidies for grocery stores operating in urban areas where the nearest other store is farther than the nearest other store is farther than earmarked to an existing business subsidy program.</p> <p>To bring Michigan law in line with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Citizens United v. FEC case, which said political spending is protected under the First Amendment free speech rights as long as it is done independently of a candidate or party.</p> <p>To repeal a law that requires Intermediate School District special education programs to give preference in hiring to individuals who worked for a regular school district's special education program, or one run by a state agency.</p> <p>A bill to expand the number of tax increment financing zones in the promise zone program. These are geographic areas that are allowed to "capture" a portion of any increases in the state portion of school property tax revenue, and use the money to partially subsidize college tuition for local students.</p> <p>A bill to expand access to dental care by allowing mid-level dental professionals known as dental therapists to perform certain procedures under the supervision of a dentist.</p> <p>To allow governments to enter into joint operating agreements with certain businesses to build hospitals/transportation facilities. The bill has red flags that make it look more like corporate welfare than a market-based approach to public infrastructure. For example, it allows the private operator to benefit from tax exemptions and its power to impose property taxes, etc.</p> <p>To allow individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to an account used to pay for public school extracurricular activities, vocational programs, or other services that schools are not required to provide.</p> <p>To allow the Detroit School District to keep getting per-pupil state money next year for students who had been enrolled in one of its schools that closed, but now go to a different school district.</p> <p>Resolution that included in the list of prohibited subjects of collective bargaining contracts: recall, scheduling, overtime assignment, etc.</p> <p>Revises security guard company licensure fees to establish security guard agencies or branch offices.</p> <p>To upraid "driver responsibility fees" eligible to get their license reinstated. Senate Bill 609 would abolish the fees and provide partial amnesty.</p>																			
AFP Position	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
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95%	Patrick Cobbeck	17	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84%	Judy Emmons	23	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84%	Jose Hune	22	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83%	Mike Shirkey	16	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76%	Phil Pavlov	25	R	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74%	Tonya Schulzmaker	26	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68%	Marly Knollenberg	13	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68%	Jim Marleau	12	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66%	John Proos	21	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67%	Devin Boehm	25	D	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67%	Jack Brandenburg	18	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67%	Michael Green	21	R	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63%	Mike Kowall	15	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63%	Peter MacGregor	28	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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61%	Dave Halderbrand	29	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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**KEY**  
 NV no vote  
 ✓ voted against the AFP position  
 ✗ no possible vote  
 ✓ voted in line with the AFP position

Note: Special thanks to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and their MichiganVotes.com website, which was used to help compile this scorecard.  
 Note: Members having left office as of this printing due to resignation, expulsion, death, etc., not included on this scorecard.