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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 22, 2023

**TO:** The Honorable Sarah Anthony, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Angela Witwer, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Mary Cavanagh, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO/MEDC

The Honorable William Snyder, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO

The Honorable Paul Wojno, Chair  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

The Honorable Jim Haadsma, Chair  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

**FROM:** Susan Corbin, Director  
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

**SUBJECT:** Public Act 166 of 2022, Section 220 Policy Change Report

Section 220 of Public Act 166 of 2022 requires a report on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar year. Pursuant to this requirement, attached is the 2022 report for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Cook, LEO Director of Legislative Affairs at (517)230-8900 or CookT15@michigan.gov.

cc: Members, Senate and House Appropriations Committees  
Members, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO/MEDC  
Members, House Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO  
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### **Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity**

**Sec. 220, PA 166 of 2022- Each department and agency shall report no later than April 1 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar year.**

#### **PA 18 of 2022 (SB 445)**

Amends the Michigan Unemployment Security Act to specify that, for all claims filed after March 1, 2020, and established under the Federal pandemic unemployment assistance program, an individual would have to be able and available to perform suitable full- or part-time work with respect to the able and available requirements prescribed by the Act. The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) implemented the Public Act accordingly.

#### **PA 96 of 2022 (HB 5555)**

Amends the Michigan Employment Security Act to allow an eligible contributing employer to discharge liability for its first-quarter contribution obligation by making quarterly payments that distributed the first-quarter contribution obligation equally over the first quarter and the immediately succeeding three quarters if in the first quarter of a year the employer incurred a contribution obligation that was equal to 50% or more of the its total contribution obligation for the immediately preceding year. The UIA implemented the Public Act accordingly.

#### **PA 123 of 2022 (HB 5726)**

Amends the Youth Employment Standards Act to allow a work permit to be issued for a minor 16 years of age or older for employment with an establishment where alcoholic beverages are distributed. LEO's Wage and Hour division implemented the Public Act accordingly.

#### **PA 138 of 2022 (HB 5244)**

Amends Public Act 238 of 2020, which prohibits an employer from taking certain actions against an employee who does not report to work under circumstances related to COVID-19, to specify that the Act would not apply to a claim or cause of action that accrued after July 1, 2022. In addition, the bill repeals the Act effective July 1, 2023. The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) implemented the Public Act accordingly.

#### **PA 140 of 2022 (HB 6128)**

Amends Section 85 of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act to specify that certain conditions establishing immunity for employers whose employees were exposed to COVID-19 would not apply to an exposure that occurred after July 1, 2022. In addition, the bill repeals Section 85 and Section 85a, which defines COVID-19 under the Act, effective July 1, 2023. MIOSHA implemented the Public Act accordingly.

#### **PA 251 of 2022 (HB 6129)**

Amends the Michigan Reconnect Grant Act and prescribes additional intended goals for the Reconnect program and Reconnect initiative. The 60 by 30 Office implemented the Public Act accordingly.

#### **PA 252 of 2022 (HB 6130)**

Amends the Michigan Reconnect Grant Act and prescribes additional intended goals for the Reconnect program and Reconnect initiative. The 60 by 30 Office implemented the Public Act accordingly.