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Legislative Update for October 21st through October 25th

News broke this week about a surprising, but still informal, coalition forming with the goal of loosening Michigan's strict term limits law. The coalition includes Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake), Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield (R-Levering), Voters Not Politicians, and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Although an agreement on details of a plan has not been reached, coalition members have indicated that term limit changes would be tied to other reforms. A change to term limits would likely place a combined limit on years served in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Other possible policy changes that have been mentioned include legislator financial disclosure requirements, Freedom of Information Act expansion, changes to lame duck sessions, implementing an ethics commission, and changes to lobby law. The effort raises some procedural questions due to the need for a ballot initiative to amend constitutional term limits, something that isn't needed for other policies that could be tied to such a change.

Private conversations on the budget continued between the Governor Gretchen Whitmer and legislative leaders, with republicans in the House of Representatives doubling down on their demand for limits on the governor's power to unilaterally transfer funds within departments via the State Administrative Board as a condition for action on the budget. Meanwhile, Gov. Whitmer continued to hold her stance that she would not sign legislation to limit executive authority for herself or future governors. While House Republicans focused on capping the amount of dollars that could be transferred, Sen. Shirkey seemed to focus on exploring other avenues of resolving the issue in statute without a numerical cap.

Gov. Whitmer announced that her administration would implement rules to give overtime pay rights to more Michiganders. The rules would expand on federal rules set to go into effect in January that raise the overtime limit for salaried, professional, administrative, and executive employees to those making \$35,568 annually. Although the governor did not give a specific salary amount above the federal level, her administration cited \$51,000 annually as a starting point. The administration said the rules would impact approximately 200,000 Michiganders.

A bill package aimed at improving protections for survivors of abuse passed the Senate. SBs 70 through 76 would create a program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking to keep their addresses confidential for purposes of voting, drivers licenses and other forms of identification, and other government purposes. The legislation passed the Senate unanimously.

Legislation updating the state's livestock laws for the first time in decades passed the Senate unanimously, with the exception of one bill in the package. At issue in SB 174, sponsored by Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum), was a provision that would require egg-laying hens to be cage-free by 2025.



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The current deadline for new cage standards was set at 2020 by the legislature in 2009. SB 174 received a 21-17 vote.

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Committees:

Committee(s) Appropriations

Chair Rep. Shane Hernandez

Clerk Name [Matt Carnagie](#)

Clerk Phone 517.373.2115

Location Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building,
Lansing, MI

Date Wednesday, 10/30/2019

Time 9:00 AM

Agenda [HB 4830](#) (Andrea Schroeder) Health facilities; quality assurance assessments; quality assurance assessment on ambulance providers; require department of health and human services to provide notice of the assessment.

[SB 530](#) (Rosemary Bayer) Environmental protection; permits; air pollution permit fees; revise.



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Committee(s) Environmental Quality

Chair Sen. Rick Outman

Clerk Name [Heather Dorbeck](#)

Clerk Phone 517.373.5323

Location Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building, 201 Townsend Street,
Lansing, MI 48933

Date Tuesday, 10/29/2019

Time 1:00 PM

Agenda [HB 4389](#) (Sue Allor) Environmental protection; hazardous products; firefighting foam containing PFAS; require reports on use of and require department of environmental quality to accept for disposal.

[HB 4390](#) (Jeff Yaroch) Law enforcement; fire personnel; use of firefighting foam containing certain substances; prohibit in firefighter training, and require certain training on use.

[HB 4391](#) (Jeff Yaroch) Labor; health and safety; firefighting foam concentrate containing PFAS; require promulgation of rules regarding firefighters' use of.

Upcoming Events:

There are no events scheduled at this time.

Bill Introductions:

[HB 5140 of 2019](#) Natural resources; hunting; waiver of fishing and hunting license fees for volunteer firefighters; provide for. Amends sec. 43537 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.43537).



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[HB 5151 of 2019](#)

Worker's compensation; funds; second injury fund; allow to be used for reasonable accommodations requests made under the centralized reasonable accommodations act.

[HB 5154 of 2019](#)

Local government; ordinances; imposing sanctions on landlord or tenant for certain contacts made to police or emergency services; prohibit. Creates new act.

[HB 5155 of 2019](#)

Labor; health and safety; criteria for use of sick leave; expand to include leave arising out of stalking. Amends title & secs. 2 & 4 of 2018 PA 338 (MCL 408.962 & 408.964).

[HB 5156 of 2019](#)

Employment security; benefits; disqualification from receiving benefits when leaving employment; create exception for domestic violence victim. Amends secs. 17 & 29 of 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1 (MCL 421.17 & 421.29) & adds sec. 29a.

[SB 0603 of 2019](#)

Local government; ordinances; imposing sanctions on landlord or tenant for certain contacts made to police or emergency services; prohibit. Creates new act.

[SB 0605 of 2019](#)

Labor; health and safety; criteria for use of sick leave; expand to include leave arising out of stalking. Amends title & secs. 2 & 4 of 2018 PA 338 (MCL 408.962 & 408.964).

Bill Activity:

PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER

No activity this week.