

Roadmap to the Michigan Legislature- How to Make Your Voice Heard in the Legislative Process



Public Policy 101

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Aim & Purpose of Webinar: Public Policy 101

Create a baseline of understanding for the legislative process and where to go to find legislative information.

Learning Objectives

After this training, the participant should understand:

- The difference between advocacy and lobbying
- Role of a State legislator
- How a bill becomes a law
- How to track a bill
- Where find bill language
- Relevant House and Senate committees
- Finding out who is on committees
- What tools are available

Advocacy vs. Lobbying

- All lobbying is advocacy, but not all advocacy is lobbying!
- Advocacy: The *act of arguing in favor of or against an idea or concept*, such as an idea that Michigan is a safer place with every person who is trained in Stop the Bleed.
- I – raising your voice!
 - **Advocacy is NOT arguing in favor of or against a piece of legislation**
 - There is no limit to the amount of non-lobbying advocacy your organization can do.

Advocacy vs. Lobbying

- Lobbying: (as defined by federal tax law): Any *attempt to influence specific legislation*. Lobbying can be done in two ways:
 - Contacting or urging the public to contact policy makers for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or
 - By advocating the adoption or rejection of legislation.
 - Lobbying involves three parts: Communication, Direct Lobbying and Grassroots Lobbying

Lobbying

- Communication: With a policy maker that takes a position on specific, pending legislation.
- Grassroots lobbying: Any attempt to influence legislation by affecting the opinion of the general public. The organization refers to a specific piece of legislation and provides information to the public on how to contact decision makers.
- Direct lobbying: Any attempt to influence legislation through communication with any member or employee of a legislative body, or with any other government official who may participate in the formulation of legislation.

Advocacy vs. Lobbying Examples

Advocacy

- Sharing success stories
- Informing legislator about the impact a piece of legislation has on the trauma system- with no request for action
- Distributing your annual report or brochures
- Meeting with legislators or staff to discuss your mission

Lobbying

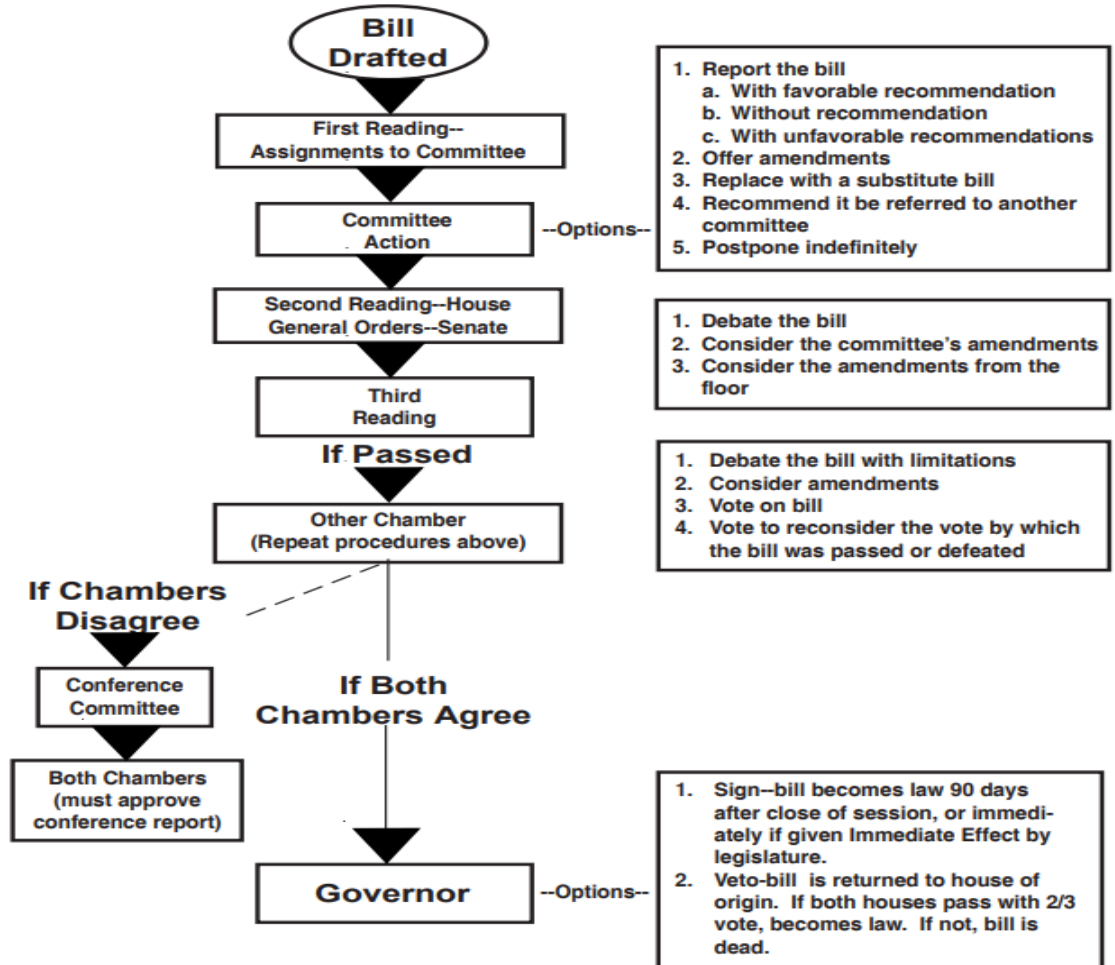
- Informing legislator about the impact a piece of legislation has on the trauma system and, requesting they take action
- Engaging members of the public to encourage a legislator take action on a piece of legislation
- Publicly communicate an opinion on a piece of legislation

Role of a Legislator

- Will advocate for your state issues, and help with local issues that may be resolved at the state level
- They are elected by YOU to represent YOU at the state level
- They need to hear from YOU to know HOW to represent YOU
- How does your legislator hear from you?
- Where to find your legislator: [Michigan House](#) & [Michigan Senate](#)

How a Bill Becomes a Law

How A Bill Becomes A Law In Michigan



Effective Opportunities for Influencing Legislation

- At introduction
 - Before introduction
 - After introduction in anticipation of committee
- In committee
 - In committee bills can be refined before going to the floor
 - On the HOUSE or SENATE Floor
 - This is when calling, being at session or email works the best

How to Track a Bill

- [Michigan Legislature website](#)



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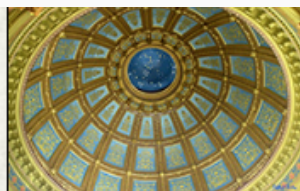
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Afendoulis, Lynn ▲
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Allor, Sue ▼

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Senators (2019-2020)

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Sponsors

[Jeff Yaroch](#) (district 33)
[Hank Vaupel](#), [Kevin Hertel](#), [Brian Elder](#), [Sheryl Kennedy](#), [Angela Witwer](#)
 (click name to see bills sponsored by that person)

Categories

[Education: facilities](#); [Health: other](#);

Education: facilities; first aid response kits in school buildings; require. Amends [1976 PA 451](#) (MCL [380.1](#) - [380.1852](#)) by adding sec. 1178b & repeals sec. 1178b of 1976 PA 451.

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House Enrolled Bill

Enrolled bill is the version passed in identical form by both houses of the Legislature.

Bill Analysis

History

(House actions in lowercase, Senate actions in UPPERCASE)

Date ▲	Journal	Action
3/12/2019	HJ 25	Pg. 254 introduced by Representative Jeff Yaroch
3/12/2019	HJ 25	Pg. 254 read a first time
3/12/2019	HJ 25	Pg. 254 referred to Committee on Education
3/12/2019	HJ 26	Pg. 261 bill electronically reproduced 03/12/2019

Where to Find Bill Language

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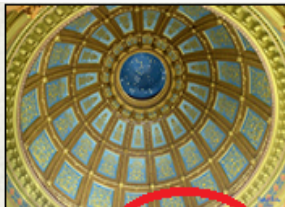
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- Look up your legislator
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Available Tools

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