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### **Legislative Update for September 24<sup>th</sup> – September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer Suidan, the Democratic candidate in the 39<sup>th</sup> House District, was accused of embezzling \$100,000 from a campaign for which she performed campaign finance services. Immediately following the allegations, the Michigan Democratic Party and House Democrat campaign operation called on Suidan to suspend her campaign. The news effectively ends Democratic hopes of flipping a district that many believed would change hands in the November general election.

Two days after meeting with Governor Rick Snyder on the issue, it was announced that a work stoppage on approximately 150 road projects across the state would come to an end. The work stoppage was the result of a prolonged contract dispute between the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) and Operating Engineers Local 324, a union representing road workers. The work resumed after both parties agreed to work with a mediator on a new contract over the winter.

Legislation reported by the House Michigan Competitiveness Committee this week would require Enbridge, the company operating an oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac, to submit a spill prevention plan and a contingency response plan to the state. An amendment to the bill that would subject the plans to the Freedom of Information Act was rejected by the committee, after heated debate. As currently drafted, the plans would be exempt from FOIA. The committee also reported a bill making it a felony to drop or drag an anchor in the Straits of Mackinac.

The House of Representatives approved legislation this week that would allow Michigan residents to register to vote online. HB 5548 and HB 5549 were both approved on 107-0 votes. If the legislation is enacted, Michigan will join 38 other states which permit residents to vote online.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Discussions have been ongoing with Rep. Lilly regarding his legislation to amend the Fireworks Act. Rep. Lilly is hopeful that the bill will be before the House Regulatory Reform Committee next week.

### **Committee Activity:**

*House Financial Liability Reform:* The committee took testimony on HB 5918 introduced from Rep. Lucido which would allow for the revocation of post-employment benefits of certain terminated employees. There was no vote in the committee.

### **Bill Introductions:**

#### **[HB 6351 of 2018](#)**

State financing and management; other; modifications to emergency management plans; provide for. Amends sec. 7a of 1976 PA 390 (MCL 30.407a).



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- [HB 6364 of 2018](#) Health occupations; health professionals; procedure for filing and responding to an allegation against a health professional with the department of licensing and regulatory affairs; modify, and modify the information to be provided to the department during the investigation of a health professional and the procedures for obtaining the information. Amends secs. 16211, 16222, 16231, 16235, 16238, 16244, 16648, 16911, 18117, 18237, 18513, 20175 & 21515 of 1978 PA 368 MCL (333.16211 et seq.).
- [HB 6368 of 2018](#) Local government; other; sale of certain land by a local government while under an emergency manager; require voter approval. Amends 2012 PA 436 (MCL 141.1541 - 141.1575) by adding sec. 19a.
- [HB 6370 of 2018](#) Mental health; community mental health; comprehensive state plan on mental health and substance use disorder services; provide for. Amends 1974 PA 258 (MCL 330.1001 - 330.2106) by adding sec. 111.
- [SB 1123 of 2018](#) Labor; hours and wages; minimum compensation amounts for exemption from overtime pay; specify for certain employees. Amends sec. 4a of 2014 PA 138 (MCL 408.414a).
- [HB 6352 of 2018](#) Financial institutions; generally; investment reports to municipal clients; require. Amends 1943 PA 20 (MCL 129.91 - 129.97a) by adding sec. 6a.
- [HB 6371 of 2018](#) Retirement; other; use of certain amortization methods for local retirement systems; prohibit. Amends 2017 PA 202 (MCL 38.2801 - 38.2812) by adding sec. 4a.
- [SB 1129 of 2018](#) State financing and management; bonds; credit rating for issuance of a security to pay off unfunded pension or postemployment health care liability; revise. Amends sec. 518 of 2001 PA 34 (MCL 141.2518).

### **Bill Activity:**

#### **PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER**

- [SB 0917 of 2018](#) Aeronautics; unmanned aerial systems; interference with public safety officials; revise list of included officials. Amends sec. 21 of 2016 PA 436 (MCL 259.321).



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- [SB 0918 of 2018](#) Aeronautics; unmanned aerial systems; unmanned aerial systems joint program office (UASJPO); create. Amends sec. 3 of 2016 PA 436 (MCL 259.303) & adds sec. 30.
- [SB 0919 of 2018](#) Aeronautics; unmanned aerial systems; criminal responsibility for use of unmanned aerial vehicle; define as an extension of the person. Amends 2016 PA 436 (MCL 259.301 - 259.331) by adding sec. 20.
- [SB 0921 of 2018](#) Crimes; other; prohibition on using an unmanned aircraft in a manner that interferes with the operations of a key facility; provide for. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 45a.
- [SB 0922 of 2018](#) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for using an unmanned aircraft in a manner that interferes with the operations of a key facility; provide for. Amends sec. 16b, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.16b).  
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