

**SENATE FISCAL AGENCY  
 MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 11, 2022  
**TO:** Members of the Michigan Senate  
**FROM:** Cory Savino, Fiscal Analyst  
**RE:** Executive Order 2022-5

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On July 15, 2022, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order (EO) 2022-5 to create the Michigan Parents' Council as an advisory body within the Department of Education. The Council will act to highlight major themes from regional roundtables and to summarize education proposals for potential inclusion in the Governor's budget recommendation by December 9, 2022. The EO also amends EO 2011-7 (which established the Michigan Criminal Justice Information Systems Board) to replace "The Director of the Department of State Police" with "The Director of the Michigan State Police", replace "The Director of Department of Human Services" with the "Director of the Department of Health and Human Services", and delete "The Director of the Department of Community Health".

Article V, Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution states that the power of the executive is vested in the Governor. Article V, Section 8 of the Michigan Constitution requires each principal department of State government to be under the supervision of the Governor, and for the Governor to take care that the laws are faithfully executed. The establishment of the Michigan Parents' Council is not subject to legislative disapproval, and the EO creating it was effective on the date it was filed, July 15, 2022.

**Creation of the Michigan Parents' Council**

The Council must consist of nine members, seven of whom must be parents, guardians, or family members appointed by the Governor. The parents must represent various communities within the State and reflect the diverse geographic, economic, racial, cultural, age, gender, and occupational composition of the State. The parents must include those with children in each level of education and they represent diverse student experiences. The remaining members must include a designated representative of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Governor's K-12 policy advisor, or his or her designee.

**Charge of the Council**

The Council must act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction and must do the following:

- Convene regional roundtables of parents and family members that cover strategies and approaches for combating unfinished learning and supporting children's mental health to strength partnerships between parents and schools to enhance children's success.
- Amplify common themes and ideas presented by parents and regional roundtables to inform the Governor's policy agenda and budget recommendation.

- Share input and feedback on education proposals and policies presented by the Governor or Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Provide other advice and take other action as requested by the Governor.

The Council must submit a report to the Governor highlighting major themes from the regional roundtables and summarizing education proposals for potential inclusion in the Governor's budget recommendation by December 9, 2022. The Council will dissolve on March 1, 2023, or such other time as the Governor directs.

### **Operations of the Council**

The Department of Education must assist the Council in the performance of its duties and provide personnel to staff the council, including any budget, procurement, and related management functions. The Governor must designate a chairperson of the Council. A majority of the Council constitutes a quorum. The Council must adopt procedures consistent with this EO and in accordance with applicable law and must comply with the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Types of Transfers**

The creation of the Advisory Council does not involve a Type I, II, or III transfer as identified under the Executive Organization Act.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Education will incur the costs for staff and support provided to the Council. Council members may not receive additional compensation beyond reimbursement of necessary travel and expenses, consistent with applicable law, rules, and procedures, and subject to available funding.

The typical annual costs to support an advisory council can range from \$10,000 to \$200,000 depending on its travel expenses and staffing demands. To the extent that existing appropriations and staff resources can absorb the necessary costs associated with the Council, there will not be a need for additional appropriation since the Council is limited to the appropriations available in the Department of Education budget.

### **Summary**

Executive Order 2022-5 creates the Michigan Parents' Council within the Department of Education. The Council will act as an advisory council to the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Council will deliver a final report based on regional roundtables and summarizing education proposals for potential inclusion in the Governor's budget recommendation by December 9, 2022. The EO that created the Council was effective on July 15, 2022. The Council will dissolve on March 1, 2023, or such other date as the Governor directs.

If you have any questions on EO 2022-5, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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