SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5461

A bill to create the secure retirement savings program to provide retirement savings options for certain employees; to create the secure retirement savings board and prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the powers and duties of certain governmental officers and entities; to require participation in the program by certain employers; to create the secure retirement savings program fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury consisting of employee retirement accounts; to establish the Michigan secure retirement administrative fund to pay program administrative expenses; to provide for civil fines; and to require the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "retirement savings



- 1 program act".
- 2 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 3 (a) "Board" means the secure retirement savings board created4 in section 6.
- 5 (b) "Department" means the department of treasury.
- **6** (c) "Employee" means an individual who is 18 years of age or
- 7 older, is employed by an employer, and has wages allocable to this
- 8 state during the calendar year for purposes of the income tax act
- 9 of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.1 to 206.847, or an individual
- 10 described in section 8(j) who is enrolled in the program.
- 11 (d) "Employer" means a person or entity engaged in a for-
- 12 profit or nonprofit business, industry, profession, trade, or other
- 13 enterprise in this state, that has continuously during the previous
- 14 calendar year employed not fewer than 1 employee in this state, has
- 15 been in business at least 730 days after the person's or entity's
- 16 first payroll, and has not offered a qualified retirement plan,
- 17 including, but not limited to, a plan qualified under section
- 18 401(a), section 401(k), section 403(a), section 403(b), section
- 19 408(k), section 408(p), or section 457(b) of the internal revenue
- 20 code, 26 USC 401, 403, 408, and 457, in the preceding 730 days.
- 21 Employer does not include the federal government, this state, or
- 22 any political subdivision of this state.
- (e) "Enrollee" means an employee who is enrolled in the
- 24 program.
- 25 (f) "Fund" means the secure retirement savings program fund
- 26 established under section 4.
- 27 (g) "Internal revenue code" means the internal revenue code of
- **28** 1986.
- 29 (h) "IRA" means an individual retirement account under section



- 408 of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 408, or a Roth IRA undersection 408A of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 408A.
- 3 (i) "Participating employer" means an employer that provides a
 4 payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement as provided for by
 5 this act for its employees.
- (j) "Payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement" means an
 arrangement by which a participating employer allows enrollees to
 remit payroll deduction contributions to the program.
 - (k) "Program" means the Michigan secure retirement savings program established under section 3.
- 11 (l) "Wages" means any compensation within the meaning of
 12 section 219(f)(1) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 219, that is
 13 received by an employee from an employer or, if authorized by the
 14 board, self-employment, during the calendar year.
- Sec. 3. A retirement savings program in the form of an automatic enrollment payroll deduction IRA, known as the Michigan secure retirement savings program, is established in the department. The board shall administer the program for the purpose of promoting greater retirement savings for private-sector employees in a convenient, low-cost, and portable manner.
 - Sec. 4. (1) The secure retirement savings program fund is established as a trust outside of the state treasury, with the board as its trustee. The fund includes the individual retirement accounts of enrollees, which must be maintained as individual accounts. The fund consists of money received from enrollees and participating employers through automatic payroll deductions and contributions made under this act. The fund must be operated in a manner determined by the board so that the accounts of enrollees established under the program meet the requirements for IRAs under

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- 1 the internal revenue code.
- 2 (2) Money deposited in the fund is not property of this state, 3 and the fund must not be construed to be a department, institution, 4 or agency of this state. Money in the fund must not be commingled 5 with state money, and this state has no claim to or against, or 6 interest in, the money in the fund.
- 7 Sec. 5. The secure retirement administrative fund is created 8 as a separate trust fund in the state treasury. The department is 9 the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. The board 10 shall use money in the secure retirement administrative fund to pay for administrative expenses it incurs in the performance of its 11 12 duties under this act. The board shall use money in the secure 13 retirement administrative fund to cover start-up administrative 14 expenses it incurs in the performance of its duties under this act. 15 The secure retirement administrative fund may receive grants or 16 other money designated for administrative purposes from this state; 17 a unit of federal or local government; or any other person, firm, 18 partnership, or corporation. Any interest or earnings attributable 19 to money in the secure retirement administrative fund must be 20 deposited into the secure retirement administrative fund. Money in 21 the fund at the close of the fiscal year must remain in the fund 22 and must not lapse to the general fund.
- Sec. 6. (1) The secure retirement savings board is created in the department. The board consists of the following 7 members:
- (a) The state treasurer, or his or her designee, who shallserve as chair.
 - (b) A designee of the state treasurer.
- (c) The director of the department of technology, management,and budget or his or her designee.

- (d) Two public representatives with expertise in retirement
 savings plan administration or investment, or both, appointed by
 the governor.
- 4 (e) A representative of participating employers, appointed by5 the governor.
 - (f) A representative of enrollees, appointed by the governor.
- 7 (2) Members of the board serve without compensation but may be
 8 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in connection
 9 with their board duties from money appropriated for the purpose.
- 10 (3) The initial appointments for the governor's appointees are
 11 as follows: 1 public representative for 4 years; 1 public
 12 representative for 2 years; the representative of participating
 13 employers for 3 years; and the representative of enrollees for 2
 14 years. Subsequent appointments are for terms of 4 years.
- (4) A vacancy in the term of an appointed board member isfilled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner asthe original appointment.
 - (5) Each appointment by the governor is subject to the advice and consent of the senate. For a vacancy during a recess of the senate, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate, at which time the governor shall appoint a person to fill the office. Any appointment that has not been acted on by the senate within 60 session days after receipt of notice of the appointment is considered to have received the advice and consent of the senate.
 - Sec. 7. The board, the individual members of the board, the trustee appointed under section 8(b), any other agents appointed or engaged by the board, and all persons serving as program staff shall discharge their duties with respect to the program, including

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- 1 in the selection of investment options available to enrollees,
- 2 solely in the interest of the program's enrollees and beneficiaries
- 3 as follows:
- 4 (a) For the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to
- 5 enrollees and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the
- 6 program.
- 7 (b) By investing with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence
- 8 under the prevailing circumstances that a prudent person acting in
- 9 a like capacity and familiar with those matters would use in the
- 10 conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.
- 11 (c) By using any contributions paid by enrollees and
- 12 participating employers into the trust exclusively for the purpose
- 13 of paying benefits to the enrollees of the program, for the cost of
- 14 administration of the program, and for investments made for the
- 15 benefit of the program.
- Sec. 8. In addition to the other duties and responsibilities
- 17 stated in this act, the board shall do all of the following:
- 18 (a) Cause the program to be designed, established, and
- 19 operated in a manner that does all of the following:
- 20 (i) Accords with best practices for retirement savings
- 21 vehicles.
- 22 (ii) Maximizes participation, savings, and sound investment
- 23 practices.
- 24 (iii) Maximizes simplicity, including ease of administration for
- 25 participating employers and enrollees.
- 26 (iv) Provides an efficient product to enrollees by pooling
- 27 investment funds.
- 28 (v) Ensures the portability of benefits, including the ability
- 29 for enrollees to roll over funds into other retirement accounts and

- 1 roll over funds from other retirement accounts into program
 2 accounts.
- 3 (b) Appoint a trustee to the fund in compliance with section4 408 of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 408.
- (c) Establish the process by which interest, investment
 earnings, and investment losses are allocated to individual program
 accounts on a pro rata basis and are computed at the interest rate
 on the balance of an individual's account.
 - (d) Contract as necessary for the administration of the program and fund, including, but not limited to, retaining and contracting with investment managers, private financial institutions, other financial and service providers, consultants, actuaries, counsel, auditors, third-party administrators, and other professionals as necessary.
- (e) Conduct a review of the performance of any investment
 vendor at least every 4 years, including, but not limited to, a
 review of returns, fees, and customer service.
 - (f) Determine the number and duties of staff members needed to administer the program and assemble the staff, including, as needed, employing staff, appointing a program administrator, and entering into contracts with the state treasurer to make employees of the department available to administer the program.
 - (g) Cause money in the fund to be held and invested as pooled investments with a view to achieving cost savings through efficiencies and economies of scale.
- 26 (h) Evaluate and establish the process by which an enrollee is 27 able to contribute a portion of his or her wages to the program for 28 automatic deposit of those contributions and the process by which 29 the participating employer provides a payroll deposit retirement

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- 1 savings arrangement to forward those contributions and related
- 2 information to the program, including, but not limited to,
- 3 contracting with financial service companies and third-party
- 4 administrators with the capability to receive and process employee
- 5 information and contributions for payroll deposit retirement
- 6 savings arrangements or similar arrangements.
- 7 (i) Design and establish the process for enrollment under
- 8 section 14, including the process by which an employee can opt not
- 9 to participate in the program, select a contribution level, select
- 10 an investment option, and terminate participation in the program.
- 11 (j) Evaluate and, if feasible, establish a process by which an
- 12 individual who is not considered an employee under the program,
- 13 including, but not limited to, self-employed individuals, or is an
- 14 employee of an employer that is not covered by the program may
- 15 voluntarily enroll in and make contributions to the program.
- 16 (k) Accept any grants, appropriations, or other money from
- 17 this state, any unit of federal, state, or local government, or any
- 18 other person, firm, partnership, or corporation solely for deposit
- 19 into the fund, whether for investment or administrative purposes.
- 20 (1) Evaluate the need for, and procure as needed, insurance
- 21 against any loss in connection with the property, assets, or
- 22 activities of the program, and indemnify as needed each member of
- 23 the board from personal loss or liability resulting from a member's
- 24 action or inaction as a member of the board.
- 25 (m) Make provisions for paying administrative costs and
- 26 expenses for the creation, management, and operation of the
- 27 program, including the costs associated with subdivisions (e), (g),
- 28 (h), and (l) and sections 6(2) and 19(5). Subject to appropriation,
- 29 this state may pay administrative costs associated with the

- 1 creation and management of the program until sufficient assets are
 2 available in the fund for that purpose. The board shall keep annual
 3 administrative expenses as low as possible.
- 4 (n) Allocate administrative fees pro rata to individual5 retirement accounts in the program.
- 6 (o) Set minimum and maximum contribution levels in accordance7 with limits established for IRAs in the internal revenue code.
 - (p) Facilitate education and outreach to employers and employees.
- 10 (q) Facilitate program compliance with all applicable
 11 requirements under the internal revenue code, including tax
 12 qualification requirements or any other applicable law and
 13 accounting requirements.
- (s) Exercise any other powers reasonably necessary toeffectuate the program purposes and objectives.
 - (t) Deposit into the secure retirement administrative fund all grants, gifts, donations, fees, and earnings from investments from the fund that are used to recover administrative costs. All expenses of the board must be paid from the Michigan secure retirement administrative fund.
 - Sec. 9. The board shall prepare and adopt a written statement of investment policy that includes a risk management and oversight program. The investment policy must prohibit the board, program, and fund from borrowing for investment purposes. The risk management and oversight program must be designed to ensure that an effective risk management system is in place to monitor the risk levels of the program and fund portfolio, to ensure that the risks

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- 1 taken are prudent and properly managed, to provide an integrated
- 2 process for overall risk management, and to assess investment
- 3 returns and risk to determine if the risks taken are adequately
- 4 compensated compared to applicable performance benchmarks and
- 5 standards. The board shall consider the statement of investment
- 6 policy and any changes in the investment policy at a public
- 7 hearing. The investment policy and changes to the investment policy
- 8 must be posted on the board's or department's website at least 30
- 9 days before implementation of the policy.
- Sec. 10. (1) The board may engage, after an open bid process,
- 11 an investment manager or managers to invest the fund and any other
- 12 assets of the program. Money in the fund may be invested or
- 13 reinvested by the state treasurer or may be invested in whole or in
- 14 part under contract with private investment managers selected by
- 15 the board. In selecting the investment manager or managers, the
- 16 board shall take into consideration the investment manager's fees
- 17 and charges to reduce the program's administrative expenses.
- 18 (2) The investment manager or managers shall provide the
- 19 reports the board considers necessary for the board to oversee each
- 20 investment manager's performance and the performance of the fund.
- 21 Sec. 11. (1) The board may enter into intergovernmental
- 22 agreements with departments of this state to further the successful
- 23 implementation and operation of the program, and the departments
- 24 shall cooperate with the board.
- 25 (2) Each department of this state shall cooperate as requested
- 26 by the board in the performance of its duties under this act,
- 27 including, unless otherwise prohibited, the sharing of relevant
- 28 data as the parties mutually agree.
- 29 Sec. 12. Interest, investment earnings, and investment losses

- 1 must be allocated to individual program accounts as established by
- 2 the board under section 8(c). An enrollee's retirement savings
- 3 benefit under the program must be an amount equal to the balance in
- 4 the individual's program account. This state is not liable for any
- 5 payment of benefits to any enrollee in the program.
- 6 Sec. 13. (1) Before opening the program for enrollment, the
- 7 board shall design an employer information packet and an employee
- 8 information packet. The employer information packet and employee
- 9 information packet must include background information on the
- 10 program, appropriate disclosures for employees, and information
- 11 regarding the vendor website described in section 14(7), if the
- 12 vendor website is established.
- 13 (2) The board shall provide for the contents of both the
- 14 employee information packet and the employer information packet.
- 15 (3) The employee information packet must include a disclosure
- 16 form. The disclosure form must explain, but not be limited to, all
- 17 of the following:
- 18 (a) The benefits and risks associated with making
- 19 contributions to the program.
- 20 (b) The mechanics of how to make contributions to the program.
- (c) How to opt out of the program.
- 22 (d) How to participate in the program with a level of employee
- 23 contributions other than the contributions described in section
- **24** 14(3).
- (e) The process for withdrawing retirement savings.
- 26 (f) How to obtain additional information about the program.
- 27 (g) That employees seeking financial advice should contact
- 28 financial advisors, that participating employers are not in a
- 29 position to provide financial advice, and that participating

- employers are not liable for decisions employees make under thisact.
- 3 (h) That the program is not an employer-sponsored retirement4 plan.
 - (i) That the program fund is not guaranteed by this state.
- 6 (4) The employee information packet must also include a form,
 7 including an electronic form, for an employee to note the
 8 employee's decision to opt out of participation in the program or
 9 elect to participate with a level of employee contributions other
 10 than the contributions described in section 14(3).
- 11 (5) The board shall determine who will supply the employee
 12 information packet to employees after the participating employer
 13 registers for the program.
- Sec. 14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 21, the program must be implemented not later than 24 months after the effective date of this act. Subsections (2) to (6) apply after the board opens the program for enrollment.
- 18 (2) An employee who has not opted out of participation in the 19 program under the process under section 13(4) must be automatically 20 enrolled in the program or in a similar program as allowed for 21 under subsection (5).
- (3) An enrollee may select a contribution level into the fund. 22 23 The level may be expressed as a percentage of wages or as a dollar 24 amount up to the deductible amount for the enrollee's taxable year 25 under section 408A(c) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 408A. An enrollee may change the enrollee's contribution level at any time, 26 27 subject to rules promulgated by the board. The board shall establish default, minimum, and maximum employee contribution rates 28 29 and an escalation schedule to automatically increase each

- 1 enrollee's contribution rate annually until the contribution rate
 2 is equal to the maximum contribution rate. The maximum default
 3 contribution rate established by the board must not exceed 15% of
 4 the enrollee's wages.
- 5 (4) An enrollee may change the enrollee's investment selection6 among available options at any time, subject to rules promulgated7 by the board.
 - (5) An employer retains the option to set up an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a defined benefit plan or a 401(k), Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP), or Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) plan, or similar program offered by a trade association or chamber of commerce instead of participating in the program.
- 14 (6) An enrollee may terminate his or her participation in the
 15 program at any time in a manner prescribed by the board.
 - (7) The board shall establish and maintain a website designed to assist employers in identifying private sector providers of retirement arrangements that can be set up by the employer rather than participating in the program under this act. The board shall provide public notice of the availability of and the process for inclusion on the website before it becomes publicly available. The website must be available to the public before the board opens the program for enrollment, and the website address must be included on any website posting or other materials regarding the program offered to the public by the board.
 - (8) The board shall establish an implementation timeline under which employers will enroll their employees in the program. The timeline must include the date by which an employer must begin enrollment of its employees in the program and the date by which

- 1 enrollment must be complete. The board shall adopt the
- 2 implementation timeline at a public meeting of the board and shall
- 3 publicize the implementation timeline. The board shall provide
- 4 advance notice to employers of their enrollment date and the amount
- 5 of time to complete enrollment. The employer must additionally
- 6 place into the employee's program account an amount equal to the
- 7 employee's unremitted contribution plus interest computed at the
- 8 rate provided in section 23(2) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23, for
- 9 deficiencies in tax payments from the time the unremitted
- 10 contribution was due until paid. If the individual no longer has an
- 11 account through the employer, the employer shall pay the amount
- 12 directly to the individual.
- Sec. 15. (1) Employee contributions deducted by the
- 14 participating employer through payroll deduction must be paid by
- 15 the participating employer to the program fund using 1 or more
- 16 payroll deposit retirement savings arrangements established by the
- 17 board under section 8(j), by 1 of the following times:
- 18 (a) On or before the last day of the month following the month
- 19 in which the compensation otherwise would have been payable to the
- 20 employee in cash.
- 21 (b) Before a later deadline prescribed by the board for making
- 22 the payments, but not later than the due date for the deposit of
- 23 tax required to be deducted and withheld relating to collection of
- 24 income tax at source on wages or for the deposit of tax required to
- 25 be paid under the employment security insurance system for the
- 26 payroll period to which the payments relate.
- 27 (2) If a participating employer or its agent willfully fails
- 28 to remit any portion of an employee contribution in the time period
- 29 specified in this subsection, the employer and all agents

- 1 responsible for the nonremission are guilty of a misdemeanor
 2 punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00.
- Sec. 16. (1) This state has no duty and is not liable to a

 party for the payment of any retirement savings benefits accrued by

 an enrollee under the program. Any financial liability for the

 payment of retirement savings benefits in excess of money available

 under the program must be borne solely by the entities with whom

 the board contracts to provide insurance to protect the value of

 the program.
- 10 (2) A state board, commission, or agency, or any officer,
 11 employee, or member of a state board, commission, or agency is not
 12 liable for any loss or deficiency resulting from particular
 13 investments selected under this act, except for any liability that
 14 arises out of a breach of fiduciary duty under section 7.
- Sec. 17. (1) A participating employer is not liable for an employee's decision to participate in, or opt out of, the program or for the investment decisions of the board or of any enrollee.
 - (2) A participating employer is not a fiduciary, and is not considered to be a fiduciary, with regard to the program. A participating employer has no responsibility for the administration, investment, or investment performance of the program. A participating employer is not liable as to investment returns, program design, or benefits paid to enrollees.
 - Sec. 18. (1) By July 1 of each year after the program begins operating, the board shall submit to the governor and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives concerned with retirement issues a report prepared by the board, including, at a minimum, a summary of the benefits provided by the program, including the number of enrollees in the program; the percentage

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- and amounts of investment options and rates of return; and any
 other information that is relevant to make a full, fair, and
 effective disclosure of the operations of the program and the fund.
 - (2) The board shall provide, at least annually, a report to each enrollee of the contributions and investment income allocated to, withdrawals from, and balances in the enrollee's program account for the reporting period. The board may also include any other information regarding the program as the board may determine.
 - Sec. 19. (1) An employer that fails without reasonable cause to enroll an employee in the program within the time prescribed under section 14 is subject to a penalty equal to the following:
 - (a) Two hundred fifty dollars for each employee for each calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the employee neither was enrolled in the program nor had opted out of participation in the program.
 - (b) For each calendar year beginning after the date a penalty has been assessed with respect to an employee, \$500.00 for any portion of that calendar year during which an employee who has not opted out of participation in the program under the process described in section 13(4) is not enrolled in the program.
 - (2) After determining that an employer is subject to penalty under this section for a calendar year, the board shall issue a notice of proposed assessment to the employer, stating the number of employees for which the penalty is proposed under subsection (1)(a) and the number of employees for which the penalty is proposed under subsection (1)(b) for the calendar year, and the total amount of fines proposed.
- (3) Not later than 30 days after receiving an order from theboard to pay a fine under this section, an employer may request a

- 1 hearing to review the order by filing a written request with the
- 2 board. The board shall conduct the review as a contested case under
- 3 the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201
- 4 to 24.328. The decision of the board becomes final as follows:
- 5 (a) If no further action for review of the decision is taken
- 6 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
- 7 24.201 to 24.328, on the date on which the time for requesting the
- 8 review has expired.
- **9** (b) If a timely action for review of the decision is taken
- 10 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
- 11 24.201 to 24.328, on the date all proceedings in court for the
- 12 review of the assessment have terminated or the time for further
- 13 appeal has expired.
- 14 (4) As soon as practicable after the penalties specified in a
- 15 notice of proposed assessment are no longer subject to
- 16 administrative or judicial review as set forth in subsection
- 17 (3) (b), the board shall notify the employer liable for any unpaid
- 18 portion of the assessment, stating the amount due and requiring
- 19 payment. If an employer neglects or refuses to pay the entire
- 20 liability shown on the notice not later than 10 days after the
- 21 notice is issued, the unpaid amount is a lien in favor of this
- 22 state on all property and rights to property, whether real or
- 23 personal, belonging to the employer, and the income tax act of
- 24 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.1 to 206.847, regarding liens, levies,
- 25 and collection actions for unpaid liabilities under that act,
- 26 including the periods for taking any action, apply to the unpaid
- 27 amount.
- 28 (5) Civil fines collected under this act and fees collected
- 29 under subsection (6) must be deposited into the secure retirement

- administrative fund. The board may, subject to appropriation, use
 money in the secure retirement and administrative fund to cover
 expenses it incurs in performing its duties under this act.
- 4 (6) The board may enter into an agreement with the department or another state agency to fulfill the enforcement duties under this section. The department may charge the board a reasonable fee for its costs in performing under an agreement under this subsection to be paid out of the secure retirement and administrative fund.
 - (7) Solely for purposes of any provision of state law allowing the department or any other agency of this state to offset an amount owed to a taxpayer against a tax liability of that taxpayer or allowing the department to offset an overpayment of tax against any liability owed to this state, a penalty assessed under this section is considered to be a tax liability of the employer and any refund due to an employer is considered to be an overpayment of tax of the employer.
- (8) Except as provided in this subsection, all information 18 19 received by the board or department from returns filed by an 20 employer or from any investigation conducted under this act must be accorded the same confidentiality as facts or information obtained 21 in connection with the administration of a tax. This information is 22 23 exempt from disclosure under section 28(1)(f) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 24 205.28, and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of 25 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. The information 26 may be used for official purposes within the board or department or 27 in accordance with official procedures for collecting penalties assessed under this act. This subsection does not prohibit the 28 29 board or treasurer or any authorized delegate from publishing or

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- 1 making available to the public reasonable statistics concerning the
- 2 operation of this act in which the contents of returns are grouped
- 3 into aggregates in a way that the specific information of any
- 4 employer is not disclosed. This subsection does not prohibit the
- 5 board or treasurer or any authorized delegate from divulging
- 6 information to an authorized representative of the employer or to
- 7 any person in accordance with a request or authorization made by
- 8 the employer or by an authorized representative of the employer.
- **9** (9) This section applies 9 months after the board notifies the
- 10 state treasurer that the program has been implemented. On receipt
- 11 of notification from the board, the department shall immediately
- 12 post on its website a notice stating the date that this section
- 13 becomes operative. The notice must include a statement that as an
- 14 alternative to enrolling employees in the program, employers may
- 15 sponsor an arrangement, including, but not limited to, a defined
- 16 benefit plan, 401(k) plan, Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP),
- 17 or Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) plan. The
- 18 board shall provide a link to the vendor website described in
- 19 section 14(7) if established.
- 20 Sec. 21. If the board does not obtain adequate money to
- 21 implement the program within the time frame set forth under section
- 22 14, the board may delay the implementation of the program and the
- 23 dates that sections dependent on an operating program begin to
- 24 apply must be correspondingly extended.
- Sec. 22. The department may enter into agreements with other
- 26 states that offer an auto-IRA retirement program at the request of
- 27 the board to achieve greater mutual bargaining power and reduce the
- 28 costs of plan administration and plan operations. The department,
- 29 on behalf of the board, may, for any purpose consistent with the

- 1 board's fiduciary duty to participants, enter into agreements with
- 2 other states that offer auto-IRA retirement programs. As used in
- 3 this section, "auto-IRA retirement program" means a state-
- 4 facilitated retirement savings plan involving automatic enrollment
- 5 payroll deduction IRAs for workers whose employers do not offer a
- 6 qualified retirement plan.

