

MICHIGAN SENATE

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LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Senate Member and Chief of Staff, the Legislative Director develops and helps implements legislative initiatives on behalf of the Senate Member and monitors other legislative developments. More specifically, the Legislative Director attends selected committees and session, as necessary; assists with drafting legislation, amendments, and talking points; monitors bills throughout the legislative process; and testifies in legislative committees on behalf of the Senate Member, as necessary. When needed, the Legislative Director attends meetings and corresponds with officials, constituents, and special interest groups regarding legislation.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Assists in development and implementation of legislative initiatives for the Senate Member's office
- Monitors legislative developments
- Requests bills and assist drafters and interest groups with the development of legislation
- Responds to outside inquiries on legislation
- Attends session and committee meetings, as necessary
- Attends legislative and district meetings with or on behalf of the Senate Member, as necessary
- Prepares talking points for speaking engagements
- Testifies in legislative committees on behalf of the Senate Member, as necessary
- Reviews mail, email, constituent casework, articles, and press releases related to legislation
- Corresponds with and meets with constituent, as necessary
- Proof various constituent correspondence
- Performs special projects assigned by the Chief of Staff or the Senate Member

SECONDARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Organizes and complies files concerning legislation
- Performs other duties, as assigned

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree or four years of prior policy related legislative experience required
- Knowledge of the legislative process and prior legislative experience strongly preferred
- Other combinations of education and experience evaluated on an individual basis

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- Knowledge of the legislative process and of the structure and policies of state government
- Ability to work with officials, staff, and the public in a professional and courteous manner
- Ability to use basic computer applications, including Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel
- Ability to draft, format, and comprehend legislation
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work outside of the normal work schedule, as necessary
- Ability to prioritize multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment and meet deadlines that may be rigid or subject to change on short notice
- Ability to speak in front of large groups, including public meetings
- Ability to develop and maintain good working relationships with legislators and other elected officials and with staff, lobbyists, and other interest groups
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to maintain strict attention to detail
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of information
- Ability to use diplomacy, discretion, and good judgement when disseminating information

This job description is not intended as a comprehensive list of all of the duties required of this position. Additional duties may be assigned from time to time, and the listed duties are subject to change at any time, with or without notice.

STATUS: Salaried, with a standard benefit package

SALARY: Negotiable, based on experience

GOVERNING CAUCUS: Republican

This is a non-civil service, at-will position.

**Interested applicants, please submit a cover letter and resume
by 5:00 pm, Friday, October 7 to:**

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Lansing, MI 48909

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