



# 2017-2018 Legislative Accomplishments

While not an exhaustive list, the following denotes highlights of key issues from the 2017-2018 legislative session that impact large segments of our membership and the results we achieved on your behalf. For more information visit [michamber.com/2017-2018-accomplish](http://michamber.com/2017-2018-accomplish).



## EDUCATION & WORKFORCE READINESS

### **Address Michigan's Talent Gap**

HBs 5139, 5141-42 and 5145 | Public Acts 229, 234, 235 and 366 of 2018

Supported legislation that solves real-world talent gap problems and provides opportunities for businesses and schools to work together to create a robust and diverse talent pipeline.



## EMPLOYER RIGHTS

### **Mandatory Paid Sick Leave, Minimum Wage Laws**

SBs 1171 and 1175 | Public Acts 368 and 369 of 2018

Successfully advocated for a commonsense compromise to the mandatory paid sick leave and minimum wage laws by finding a balance to make them workable for employers and employees alike.



## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### **Transform Environmental Rulemaking Process & Improve Environmental Permit Review and Oversight**

SB 652 | Public Act 267 of 2018 & SB 653 | Public Act 268 of 2018

Helped develop the 12-member Environmental Rules Review Committee, providing all stakeholders with a strong voice in the rulemaking process. Also advocated for environmental permit reform to create transparency, provide oversight of department decisions, and require permitting be based on science.

### **Reform Contaminated Site Cleanup Law**

SB 1244 | Public Act 581 of 2018

Instrumental in advocating for reform of Michigan's Contaminated Site Cleanup law.



## HEALTH CARE

### **Repeal Health Insurance Tax**

SBs 992-994 | Public Acts 173-175 of 2018

Backed legislation to repeal Michigan's unique and uncompetitive Health Insurance Claims (HICA) Tax and replace it with a new Insurance Provider Assessment to cut insurance taxes for employers and individuals.

### **Establish Work Requirement for Healthy Medicaid Recipients**

SB 897 | Public Act 208 of 2018

Advocated for legislation to require Michigan's healthy Medicaid population to find work or engage in job training or educational opportunities as a condition for receiving benefits.



## LEGAL REFORM

### **Reduce Liability Exposure**

HB 5456 | Public Act 100 of 2018

Successfully advocated for legislation to curb unfair and unjustified double-dipping and give juries and judges better tools to properly apportion fault.



## TAX POLICY

### **Expand Treasury's Settlement Authority**

HB 4976 | Public Act 215 of 2017

Supported legislation giving the Michigan Department of Treasury more discretion in settling pending tax litigation passed in 2017.

### **Defeat Efforts by Local Governments to Manipulate Property Values Assessment**

HB 4397 and SB 578

Played a leadership role in working to defeat efforts by local governments across the state to squeeze more money out of businesses by over-assessing their property taxes.