MICHIGAN SENATE
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
POSITION POSTING

BUDGET DIRECTOR

SUMMARY:
Under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader and supervised by the Senior Deputy Chief for Strategy, the Budget Director directs and oversees staff in the development of appropriations-related legislation. The Budget Director is a primary advisor to the Senate Appropriations Committee Chair on matters pertaining to the state budget process and Senate Appropriations Committee. The Budget Director advocates on behalf of the Senate Majority Caucus with respect to budget priorities and advises Majority Caucus Members on all budget and appropriations-related issues. The Budget Director works closely with the Senate Majority Policy Office, Senate Fiscal Agency, Legislative Service Bureau, House of Representatives, and the State Budget Office on all matters related to the state budget process and Senate Appropriations Committee.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:
- Manages the budget staff team and works closely with the Senate Majority Policy Director to direct policy staff in the development and analysis of appropriations legislation for the Michigan Senate
- Serves as a key advisor to the Senate Appropriations Committee Chair on state budget-related matters
- Advises Majority Caucus Members and staff on all budget and appropriations-related issues
- Communicates regularly with Majority and Minority Appropriations members
- Coordinates agendas, logistics, and communications for Appropriations Committee meetings, along with Appropriations Caucus meetings, and other budget-related meetings
- Advocates on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, and the Majority Caucus with regard to budget priorities
- Represents the Senate Majority Caucus in budget meetings with the State Budget Director, Appropriations Committee Chairs, and staff, including target negotiations
- Informs and advises Majority Caucus Members on areas of concern or controversy impacting the State budget, as well as current statutes or pending legislation
- Drafts legislative and policy analyses on a variety of appropriations-related issues
- Interacts with stakeholders regarding legislation, policy, and budget issues
- Tracks bills as they move out of committees to provide the Majority Caucus with a better understanding of the total financial implication of the bills the legislature is passing

SECONDARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Performs all other duties as assigned by the Senior Deputy Chief for Strategy, the Senate Majority Leader, Senate Appropriations Chair, or Majority Caucus Member offices

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:
- Bachelor's degree required; advanced academic degree and/or professional certification preferred
- Five years or more of experience in the private sector managing budgets, or three years of academic research in the area of appropriations, or appropriations experience at the local, state, or federal

level required
- Previous managerial experience preferred
- Other combinations of education and experience evaluated on an individual basis

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:
- Ability to effectively manage professional staff in a fast-paced environment
- Knowledge of the legislative and appropriations process and of the structure and policies of state government
- Ability to use basic computer applications, including Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work outside of prescribed work hours when 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 develop and maintain good working relationships with colleagues, legislators, 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 judgment when disseminating information

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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: $135,000 - $145,000, based on experience
GOVERNING CAUCUS: Democratic

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

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.
Interested applicants, please submit a cover letter and resume with the subject line "Budget Director" to:

Human Resources
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909
Email: Resume@senate.michigan.gov

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