

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6431

October 11, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Kahle and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1982 PA 540, entitled "Library of Michigan act," (MCL 397.11 to 397.24) by amending the title, as amended by 2001 PA 62, and by adding sections 3a and 12a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 TITLE  
2 An act to create the library of Michigan; to create a board of  
3 trustees for the library; to establish the qualifications of the  
4 state librarian; to provide the powers and duties of the board of

1 trustees, the department of history, arts, and libraries, the state  
2 librarian, and certain state officials and agencies; to create  
3 certain programs and funds; to provide for the promulgation of  
4 rules; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

5       Sec. 3a. (1) The imagination library of Michigan program is  
6 established to promote the development of a statewide initiative  
7 for encouraging preschool children to develop a love of reading and  
8 learning.

9       (2) Program money must be used to do both of the following:

10       (a) Provide, through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, 1  
11 age-appropriate book per month to each registered child from birth  
12 to age 5. Books described in this subdivision must be sent monthly  
13 to each registered child's home at no cost to the registered  
14 child's family.

15       (b) Operate a matching grant program, administered by the  
16 library, to provide a 50% match of funds to local Dolly Parton's  
17 Imagination Library affiliates participating in Dolly Parton's  
18 Imagination Library.

19       (3) The library may promulgate rules under the administrative  
20 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to  
21 implement this section.

22       (4) As used in this section:

23       (a) "Program" means the imagination library of Michigan  
24 program created in subsection (1).

25       (b) "Registered child" means a child registered with a local  
26 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library affiliate.

27       Sec. 12a. (1) The imagination library of Michigan fund is  
28 created in the state treasury.

29       (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets

1 received from any source in the fund. The state treasurer shall  
2 direct the investment of money in the fund and credit interest and  
3 earnings from the investments to the fund.

4 (3) The library is the administrator of the fund for audits of  
5 the fund.

6 (4) The library shall expend money from the fund, on  
7 appropriation, only to support the imagination library of Michigan  
8 program as described in section 3a.

9 (5) As used in this section, "fund" means the imagination  
10 library of Michigan fund created in subsection (1).