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CREATION OF MICHIGAN CAPITOL COMMITTEE

**House Bill 4776 with committee amendments
First Analysis (6-18-87)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Richard A. Young
Committee: Appropriations**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

At present, each branch of state government has jurisdiction over the restoration and preservation of the state Capitol building insofar as it affects that particular branch: members of the Senate preside over renovation of Senate rooms; members of the House preside over renovation of House rooms, and so forth. It is felt that the work involved — renovation of the Capitol building, and the management, operation, development, construction, renovation, maintenance and repair of the Capitol building and grounds — would be better accomplished if the three branches of government were to work in concert, and that a legislative committee is needed to oversee this action.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the Legislative Council Act to provide for the creation of the Michigan Capitol Committee. The committee would consist of four members from the Senate (with one member being from the minority party), to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; three members from the House (one member from the minority party), to be appointed by the speaker of the House; and four members from the executive branch of government, to be appointed by the governor. Each appointed member would serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing official and would serve for a term of two years, unless reappointed. Vacancies would be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and all terms would expire at the end of the legislative biennium. Business conducted by the committee, and public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting would be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act, and concurring majorities of the members would be necessary for action to be taken by the committee.

The committee would develop written procedures for its operation, and would advise and make recommendations to the governor, the Senate majority leader, and the speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the implementation of all permanent physical changes to be made on or on the Capitol building and grounds, the implementation of a State Capitol Building Master Plan, the selection, design, and placement of statues, memorials, trees, and plants on the grounds of the Capitol building, and public and private financial support for the restoration and preservation of the Capitol building and the management, operation, development, construction, renovation, maintenance and repair of the Capitol building and grounds.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The House Fiscal Agency reports that funds for the committee would come from the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the executive branch and would be appropriated annually to carry out the intent of the act. (6-17-87)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

If the Capitol building is to be renovated to restore it to its original condition, it makes more sense to have the three branches of government work together on this effort, since all will have to live in the building.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Management and Budget supports the bill. (6-17-87)

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