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House Bill 4941 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Gerald Van Woerkom  
House Committee: Commerce  
Senate Committee: Government Operations

### **CONTENT**

The bill would create the "History, Arts, and Libraries Act" to establish the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (DHAL); transfer to the DHAL, by a type II transfer, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (which currently is in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services); and provide that the Office of Film and Television Services would be transferred by a Type II transfer to the DHAL, upon return of the Office from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to the Michigan Strategic Fund.

Under the bill, the DHAL would have to carry out the process, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided in the Act and as otherwise provided by law. The Department would be headed by a director, who would be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(Under the Executive Organization Act (EOA), a Type II transfer means that an existing department, board, commission, or agency is transferred to a principal department established by the EOA. An entity assigned by a Type II transfer has all of its statutory authority, powers, duties and functions, records, personnel, property, unspent appropriations, allocations or other funds, including the functions of budgeting and procurement, transferred to the principal department.)

The bill would take effect August 6, 2001, and is tie-barred to House Bill 4940, which would transfer the Library of Michigan from the Legislative Council to the DHAL.

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2001-2002 appropriations for the new Department of History, Arts, and Libraries are contained in Senate Bill 291 and Senate Bill 234. The appropriations for the various agencies are as follows:

#### Senate Bill 291 (S-2)

Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs - \$25,956,600  
Mackinac Island State Park Commission - \$3,407,700  
Michigan Historical Program - \$8,303,300  
Department Operations - \$708,600

#### Senate Bill 234 (General Government Appropriations Bill)

Library of Michigan - \$39,880,100

Included in the Department Operations line is \$279,900 in new General Fund dollars that will be needed to cover the cost of the newly created unclassified positions as well as other administrative costs. Additionally, in order to meet the target agreement, the Arts and Cultural Grants line item has been reduced by (\$579,600) General Fund from the current year appropriation.

The FY 2001-02 appropriation for the Library of Michigan is contained in the General Government Conference Report (Senate Bill 234).

The transfer of the Library of Michigan from the Legislature also will have an impact on the Legislative Council. Funds appropriated to the Library of Michigan currently include shared costs for the legislative web site and property management costs for legislative facilities.

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