

# Legislative Analysis



## REPEAL MICHIGAN HEALTH INITIATIVE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN

House Bill 5591 as Reported from Committee without amendment

Sponsor: Representative Alma Wheeler Smith

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### ***BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BILL:***

The bill amends Part 59 of the Public Health Code under which the Michigan Health Initiative (MHI) Program and Fund was established in 1988. House Bill 5591 amends the act to eliminate certain uses of the Fund, and repeal related sections. Revenue to the Fund is from the sales tax on computer software.

House Bill 5591 eliminates the requirements that the MHI Fund be used to:

- maintain a clearinghouse of information accessible to the public on preventable diseases, especially AIDS and the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), including information on major risk factors, treatment programs, and risk reduction service providers available. (Sec. 5913)
- conduct a media campaign and produce public service announcements regarding disease prevention and risk reduction, including Hepatitis C and AIDS. (Sec. 5915).

Language that remains in the law requires that the Fund be used for education modules, information packages, free HIV testing, free HCV testing if funds are available, employee wellness programs (not funded since FY 2001-02), educational programs and information for health care workers and others, and local AIDS care networks.

### ***FISCAL IMPACT:***

**FY 2009-10** The bill removes the statutory obligation to appropriate MHI funds that were eliminated in the FY 2009-10 DCH budget of \$1,351,000 for the AIDS and Risk Reduction Clearinghouse and Media Campaign. The MHI funds were moved to the sexually transmitted disease control program, replacing GF/GP.

Last May, Executive Order 2009-22 reduced the AIDS and Risk Reduction Clearinghouse and Media Campaign appropriation for FY 2008-09 by 40% and eliminated the programs effective July 1, 2009.

The clearinghouse and media campaign programs have been funded since 1988 under the Michigan Health Initiative.

**Fund** \$9-12 million is annually deposited to the MHI Fund per Sec. 25 of the General Sales Tax Act. The FY 2009-10 DCH budget includes \$9.1 million of MHI appropriations.

The table on the following page shows recent appropriations of the Michigan Health Initiative Fund.

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## ***Michigan Health Initiative Fund***

Since 1988

	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	Original	E.O. 2009-22	change from	Enacted
DCH Program and Line Item	FY 2008-09	Changes 5/09	Original FY 09	FY 2009-10
Health Promotions and Publications (Departmental Admin & Mgt)	245,500	0	0	245,500
Minority Health Administration (Public Health Administration)	210,600	0	0	210,600
AIDS Prevention, Testing and Care Programs	4,637,900	0	0	4,637,900
Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Mgt and Field Support	591,400	540,400	1,351,000	1,942,400
Bovine Tuberculosis	200,400	0	(200,400)	0
HIV/AIDS Testing (Laboratory Services)	894,000	0	200,400	1,094,400
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance (Epidemiology Administration)	200,400	0	0	200,400
AIDS and Risk Reduction Clearinghouse and Media Campaign	1,351,000	(540,400)	(1,351,000)	0
Cardiovascular Disease (Chronic Disease Prevention)	193,300	0	0	193,300
Diabetes and Kidney Program	181,700	0	0	181,700
Health Education, Promotion, and Research Programs	<u>393,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>393,800</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	9,100,000	0	0	9,100,000

**Revenue:** Sec. 25 of the General Sales Tax Act establishes that no less than \$9.0 million and no more than \$12.0 million shall be annually deposited to the MHI fund.