

# Fiscal Analysis

## CREATE POVERTY BUREAU/COMMISSION



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **HOUSE BILL 4502 AS INTRODUCED**, Rep. Sandra Caul

**House Committee**                Family and Children Services

### **Analysis**

#### **Summary**

This bill would amend the PA 230, Michigan Economic and Social Opportunity Act of 1981 to rename and revise the functions of the Bureau of Community Services and the Commission on Economic and Social Opportunity within the Family Independence Agency to reduce the causes of poverty and promote social and economic opportunities for persons at or below the poverty level. The bill would also change the makeup of the Commission and expand the range of activities that community action agencies may engage in to fulfill the intent of the Act.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

This bill could potentially increase state costs by an indeterminable amount due to the potential hiring of additional employees in the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity to provide statewide advocacy for low income persons. However, there may be federal revenue available from the Community Service Block Grant for administrative costs. FIA has not yet determined how much may be available. The bill is silent on whether the employees needed would be re-deployed from FIA, which currently perform some of the functions stated in the bill such as coordinating state activities designed to reduce poverty and implement community social and economic programs. Additional costs may also be associated with the expanded role of the Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity.

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