

Fiscal Analysis

PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 5146 as Introduced, Rep. Paul Condino**

House Committee Health Policy

Analysis

Summary

House Bill 5146 as introduced amends Article 9 of the Public Health Code regarding Supportive Personal Health Services. The bill requires the Department of Community Health to establish and maintain a toll-free information line for a person to receive information regarding prescription drug programs available in Michigan including free and discounted programs.

Fiscal Impact

Implementation of this bill as introduced has cost implications related to the operations of a toll-free telephone line, knowledgeable staff or contractor responsible for providing information to callers, and continuous updating of information being provided to callers. The Department currently supports toll-free telephone numbers for certain programs at varying costs depending upon call volume, complexity of the information, and staffing. Current costs range from \$35,000 up to \$1,500,000 annually.

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