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Senate Bill 986 (as introduced 5-24-16)  
Sponsor: Senator Mike Kowall  
Committee: Government Operations

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to include in the purposes of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund benefitting the health and wellness of children and seniors with a significant focus on public health emergency.**

The Fund was created under Public Act 4 of 2013, which amended the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to change the operation and structure of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM). Among other things, the Act requires BCBSM to contribute up to \$1.56 billion over 18 years to the Fund. The Fund is a private, nonprofit corporation organized for charitable purposes.

The articles of incorporation of the Fund must provide that it is organized for specific purposes, which include benefiting the health and wellness of minor children and seniors throughout the State with a significant focus in the following areas:

- Access to prenatal care and reduction of infant mortality rates.
- Health services for foster and adopted children.
- Access to healthy food.
- Wellness programs and fitness programs.
- Access to mental health services.
- Technology enhancements.
- Health-related transportation needs.
- Foodborne illness prevention.

The bill would add public health emergency to those areas.

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Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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