

The bill also would create the Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Fund within the State Treasury. The State Treasurer could receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the Fund. The State Treasurer would have to direct the investment of the Fund and credit to it interest and earnings from Fund investments. Money in the Fund at the close of the fiscal year would have to remain in the Fund and could not lapse to the General Fund. The State Treasurer would have to be the administrator of the Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Fund for auditing purposes.

The SOS would have to transfer the donation money from the sale of fund-raising plates recognizing sickle cell anemia education and treatment to the State Treasurer, who would have to credit the donation money to the Fund. The State Treasurer would have to disburse money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Michigan Chapter.

Proposed MCL 257.811aa

BACKGROUND

Sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disorder that changes the shape of a person's red blood cells from a disc shape to a crescent or sickle shape. The altered shape inhibits a blood cell's ability to carry oxygen properly throughout the body, which ultimately affects oxygen supply and can lead to sickle cell anemia. Sickle cell anemia is a disorder in which a person does not have enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body. Common symptoms of sickle cell anemia include fatigue, periodic episodes of pain caused by blocked blood flow, and frequent infections as a result of damage to the spleen.

According to its website, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America-Michigan Chapter was founded in 1971 with a mission of "improving the lives of individuals with sickle cell disease". The Michigan Chapter is located in Detroit, Michigan and provides medical services, community health services, social work services, and education and career counseling for those affected by sickle cell anemia in Michigan.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State; however, the start-up fee prescribed in the Code (currently estimated at \$90,000) would have to be paid to the Department of State from the new Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Fund proposed under the bill. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate would be deposited into the Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Michigan Chapter.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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