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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1181 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons
Committee: Finance

CONTENT

The bill would create the "Prostate Cancer Screening Fund Act" to establish the Prostate Cancer Screening Fund in the Department of Community Health (DCH) to provide funds for screening, early detection programs, and community education relating to prostate cancer; and to provide for the distribution of money from the Fund. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 740, 741, and 1182.

The Fund would consist of the money credited to it pursuant to the Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Fund Act (proposed by Senate Bill 1182), and any interest and earnings accruing from the saving and investment of that money. The Fund could receive appropriations, money, or other things of value. Interest earned and earnings accrued from the savings and investment of money in the Fund, and money granted or received as a gift or donation to the Fund would be available for distribution upon appropriation. The DCH would have to do all of the following with the money from the Fund: support the development of the Department's statewide prostate cancer control plan; provide information to the public about the value of prostate cancer screening and early detection; develop and publicize criteria for proposals to be funded under the bill; and review and approve proposals to be funded under the bill.

Proposals could be submitted only by individuals, groups, and institutions with an interest in prostate cancer screening and early detection. The DCH would have to review and approve proposals submitted for funding in consultation with the Michigan Cancer Consortium. The Department would have to give preference to proposals that addressed specific geographic areas or population groups that had a rate of prostate cancer that was higher than the Michigan average rate of prostate cancer. The DCH could fund only proposals submitted by applicants that were located in Michigan and that conducted research or other activity that was the basis for the proposal. The money in the Fund would have to be distributed to applicants for screening, early detection, and community education programs to raise awareness through county, city, or township programs, printing and distribution of materials regarding the risk of prostate cancer, and outreach programs to increase participation in early detection programs.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the assumption that the experience of the Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Fund would be similar to that of the Children's Trust Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Funds, there would be approximately \$125,000 to \$250,000 available annually for expenditure on the projects outlined in the bill. From that amount and the amounts available for the breast cancer projects outlined in Senate Bill 741 (an additional \$125,000 to \$250,000), between \$50,000 and \$100,000 would be necessary to administer the programs required by the bills.

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