

**ELIMINATE COMPREHENSIVE
TRANSPORTATION FUND**

House Bill 4817

Sponsor: Rep. John Llewellyn

Committee: Appropriations

Complete to 7-27-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4817 AS INTRODUCED 5-22-97

House Bill 4817 would eliminate the Comprehensive Transportation Program, which is established under Public Act 51 of 1951 and is intended to establish uniform public transportation procedures and administrative practices statewide. The bill would repeal nine sections of the act that make reference to the fund, including, specifically, the distribution of money, priorities in appropriations, rule-making authority, oversight and audits, eligible authorities or governmental agencies, funding for nonmotorized transportation including bicycling, public transportation credit arrangements for local governments, and the issuance of notes on behalf of transportation authorities under the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority.

The bill also would amend two sections of the law to eliminate language that requires legislative appropriations to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund, references to funding for the Local Program Fund (required in the provision that statutorily establishes the state's 39.1 percent allotment from the Michigan Transportation Fund), and references to comprehensive transportation services in the definition of "public transportation."

Under the Comprehensive Transportation Program, public transportation authorities or eligible governments make direct payments to public and private corporations for public transportation purposes; seek to improve access to public transportation by handicappers and those over 65; plan and provide for the current and long-range development of a system of public transportation in areas for which an eligible authority or eligible governmental agency does not exist; investigate public transportation conditions in order to advise the Transportation Commission; encourage and coordinate traffic research grants; issue bonds or notes; and, ensure compliance with federal transportation acts.

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