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HB4823 AS REPORTED WITHOUT AMENDMENT

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Committee

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TRANSPORTATION

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### State Fiscal Impact

Cost	Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues	None

### Local Fiscal Impact

Cost	Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues	None

House Bill 4823 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a person not to wear a crash helmet while operating a motorcycle or moped if they are: a) 21 years of age or older and have been licensed for not less than two years to operate a motorcycle, b) or they have passed a motorcycle safety course as provided under this act, c) or if they are a passenger who is 21 years of age or older and they are riding with someone who meets the conditions of a) or b).

It is estimated that the both the state and local units of government may experience increased operational costs due to increased insurance premiums. The state may also experience additional costs in the Medicaid program. This bill relaxes the requirements for crash helmet use and it is expected that injuries and fatalities would increase as a result of lower helmet use. With the potential for more injuries the expectation is that insurance costs may go up and as well Medicaid assistance would increase. More research on cost projections are currently underway.