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Senate Bill 109 (Substitute S-1 as passed by the Senate)  
Sponsor: Senator Valde Garcia  
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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### **RATIONALE**

Public Act 164 of 1975 created the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs within the Department of Management and Budget (DMB). The Commission and Office were transferred from the DMB to the Department of Civil Rights by a 1991 executive order. Executive Reorganization Order 2000-3 then transferred the Commission and the Office from the Department of Civil Rights to the Department of Career Development (DCD). Under Executive Order 2003-18, the DCD and the Department of Consumer and Industry Services were consolidated into one agency called the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). It has been suggested that this organizational change should be reflected in the statute establishing the Commission and the Office.

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 164 of 1975 to specify that the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs would be established within the DLEG, rather than the DMB.

MCL 18.302 & 18.304

### **ARGUMENTS**

*(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)*

#### **Supporting Argument**

The Commission was created to develop policies and plans to serve the needs of Michigan's Spanish-speaking people. Among the Commission's duties are conducting studies and recommending solutions to the

problems of Spanish speakers; making recommendations to the Federal, State, and local governments; serving as a clearinghouse for information on Spanish-speaking affairs; applying for grants; working to ensure that Spanish-speaking people have access to elected officials; and submitting an annual report of its activities to the Governor, the Legislature, and various Spanish-speaking communities. Though the Office and Commission have undergone several departmental transfers over the last few years, the law has not been changed. The bill would update the statute to reflect the current placement of the Office and Commission.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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