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House Bill 5408 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Barb Vander Veen
House Committee: Health Policy
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the licensure of dietitians and nutritionists, effective July 1, 2005. The bill would do the following:

- Establish a \$20 application processing fee, a \$75 annual license fee, and a \$75 annual temporary license fee.
- Prohibit an individual from engaging in the practice of dietetics and nutrition without being licensed.
- Create the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition within the Department of Community Health (DCH).
- Require the DCH Director, upon the Board's recommendation, to promulgate rules necessary or appropriate to fulfill its functions under the Code, including rules to establish educational criteria for licensure
- Require the DCH to issue a license to an individual currently registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration and met the Commission's standards.
- Allow the DCH to issue a temporary license to an individual who did not meet all of the licensure requirements under certain circumstances.

MCL 333.16131 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill is not anticipated to create additional cost for the State. The DCH would have to devote resources and staff to implement and administer regulations for registered dietitians, confirm the qualifications of applicants for registration, and investigate complaints against registered dietitians. The DCH estimates the cost of this administrative effort would be about \$150,000, including two additional FTEs.

This cost is expected to be offset by fees established in this bill. The Michigan Dietetic Association estimates that there are currently 3,000 individuals in the State who would meet the proposed registration requirements. If this entire population sought registration, it would provide the State with about \$225,000 annually from license fees. The State also would collect revenue from application fees, which could provide up to \$60,000 initially from current, qualified residents.

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