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House Bill 5014 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Kevin Green
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Community Health to use the Michigan Health Initiative Fund to make available to health care workers, veterans, public safety officers, and other individuals at high risk for the hepatitis C virus educational materials, in written and electronic forms, on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of the virus.

The Code requires the Department to use the Fund to develop educational programs for health care workers regarding the delivery of quality care and protection against exposure to disease in the workplace.

The educational materials required under the bill would have to include the recommendations of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding prevention and control of the hepatitis C virus.

("Public safety officer" would mean any individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would likely increase expenditure of Michigan Health Initiative (MHI) funds by the Department of Community Health for the creation and distribution of hepatitis C educational materials. The Department is statutorily required to spend not more than \$12.0 million in MHI funds each year. In FY 2005-06 the Department of Community Health appropriation uses \$10.1 million in MHI funds for various public health efforts.

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