

Legislative Analysis



MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - SUNSET EXTENSION

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Senate Bill 451 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. John Bizon, M.D.
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Senate Committee: Appropriations
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SUMMARY:

The Michigan Energy Assistance Act, 2012 PA 615, establishes the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the guidelines for the provision of energy assistance to eligible low-income households statewide.

Senate Bill 451 would extend the sunset provision by four years, to September 30, 2023.

MCL 400.1236

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would provide for a continuation of funding for MEAP; if the sunset period were to lapse, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would no longer have the authority to provide MEAP services to eligible low-income households. DHHS currently has authorization to expend \$50.0 million state restricted revenues appropriated from the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (established by MCL 400.1234) as well as approximately \$40.0 million of federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program block grant to provide MEAP services.

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