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House Bill 4516 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Betsy Coffia
House Committee: Criminal Justice
Senate Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the domestic violence prevention and treatment Act to allow Federally recognized Indian tribes that have trust land located in the State to receive assistance and funds for the establishment or maintenance of a shelter program for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children.

MCL 400.1501

BRIEF RATIONALE

The Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, housed within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), administers grants to eligible entities for the establishment or maintenance of shelter programs for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. According to testimony, the DHHS currently has an informal agreement with some tribes in the State that allows them to receive grant funds for tribal-run shelters and programs. Some people have concern that a DHHS policy change could affect this funding for tribal-run shelters and so it has been suggested that specified tribes be made eligible for these grant funds in the Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on the DHHS and on local units of government. The impact would depend on how many Federally recognized Indian tribes with trust land located within the State applied for grants or contracts with the DHHS and the cost of the programs. Under Section 6 of the Act, for grants to a prime sponsor or contracts with a prime sponsor, the State share of the total cost of the grant or contract must not exceed 75% of the total cost of the grant or contract. Under this Section, the State share consists of State and Federal funds. The remaining 25% of the total cost is the responsibility of the prime sponsor. Additionally, prime sponsors may not receive more than \$75,000 in State general fund/general purpose appropriations per year for programming and services under Section 6.

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