

Legislative Analysis



ESTABLISH PATRIOT WEEK

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House Bill 4464

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Haines

Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4464 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON

Under the bill the Michigan Legislature declares the period beginning September 11 through September 17 of each year as "Patriot Week."

The bill states that, "The Legislature encourages citizens, schools, and other educational institutions, government agencies, municipalities, and nonprofit, religious, labor, community, and business organizations to recognize and participate in Patriot Week by honoring and celebrating First Principles, key historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of America to renew the spirit of America."

A preamble found in the bill provides the justification for the designation of Patriot Week, which begins on the date of the September 11, 2001, attacks and ends on Constitution Day, September 17. It also contains a list of examples of "exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans," as well as key documents and key physical symbols to celebrate.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill does not appear to have any fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

Office of the Attorney General supports the bill. (5-4-11)

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs supports the bill. (5-4-11)

American Legion, Marine Corps League, and the Commanders Group support the bill. (5-4-11)

Military Order of the Purple Heart supports the bill. (5-4-11)

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