

Legislative Analysis



UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MONUMENT

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House Bill 4821 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Timothy Beson
Committee: Military, Veterans and Homeland Security
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4821 would amend the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Act to extend the duties of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Commission.

Under the act, the commission was responsible for overseeing the financing, design, and construction of a memorial monument dedicated to certain law enforcement officers, as well as soliciting designs for the monument and selecting the final design.

The bill would additionally require that the commission maintain and provide upkeep for the monument.

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BACKGROUND:

According to the State of Michigan website, the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument is intended to provide a place to gather and pay tribute to Michigan law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty.¹ The monument is located in the Veterans Memorial Park, at the corner of Allegan Street and Butler Boulevard, directly south of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in downtown Lansing. The site location was chosen in 2006, while the design was chosen in 2007 and modified in 2017. Construction of the monument began in 2018, and a dedication ceremony was held on July 27, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state or local government. The commission is a self-financing commission authorized to receive funds from grants or gifts from the federal government; an individual; a public or private corporation, organization, or foundation; or any other source. The continuation of the commission primarily would allow for the maintenance and upkeep of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument beyond what the current balance of the fund would allow, assuming the fund could no longer accept funds after the commission was dissolved. Commission members serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

¹ For more information, see <https://www.michigan.gov/mleom/>.

The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget is authorized by section 818 in annual state appropriations acts for General Government to receive and expend money from the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund for maintenance costs. Maintenance costs include engraving, landscaping, mowing, lighting, and utilities. The balance in the fund as of May 31, 2021, was \$194,457. Projected expenditures for FY 2020-21 are estimated to be \$107,800.

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