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Senate Bill 731 (Substitute S-3 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Jason E. Allen  
Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would create the "Michigan Home Help Integrity Act" to do the following:

- Create the Michigan Home Help Advisory Council in the Department of Community Health (DCH).
- Require the Council to maintain a registry of providers for consumers receiving personal assistance under an optional Medicaid program, including the home help program.
- Specify that neither the Council nor the DCH would be the employer of a provider of home-based care.
- State a legislative intent that the proposed Act not be interpreted to allow for the unionization of home help workers.

In addition to maintaining a registry of providers, the Council would have to do the following:

- Seek to promote and coordinate effective and efficient personal assistive services.
- Establish support mechanisms for providers aimed at encouraging competence, achieving quality services for consumers, and improving provider retention.
- Work to preserve consumer selection and self-direction of providers.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Department could see a small increase in cost associated with reimbursing members of the Michigan Home Help Advisory Council for qualifying expenses.

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