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Senate Bills 1057 through 1160 (as introduced 3-7-00)  
Senate Bills 1120 and 1127 (as introduced 3-8-00)  
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons (S.B. 1057-1060)  
          Senator Alma Wheeler Smith (S.B. 1120)  
          Senator John J. H. Schwarz, M.D. (S.B. 1127)  
Committee: Government Operations

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## **CONTENT**

The bills would repeal various laws or sections of law that pertain to Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Senate Bill 1057 would repeal Public Act 211 of 1863, which requires that military tactics and military engineering be added to the course of instruction provided by law for Michigan State University (MSU).

Senate Bill 1058 would repeal Section 13 of Public Act 269 of 1909 (the MSU enabling act), which provides that the president, professors, and associate professors of the Michigan Agricultural College constitute the faculty of Michigan State University.

Senate Bill 1059 would repeal Section 14 of Public Act 269 of 1909, which requires the MSU faculty to pass all rules and regulations necessary to the government and discipline of the college and for the preservation of morals, decorum, and health.

Senate Bill 1060 would repeal Section 15 of Public Act 269 of 1909, which provides that the MSU faculty has charge of the laboratories, library, and museums of the institution.

Senate Bill 1120 would repeal Sections 12 and 13 of Public Act 151 of 1851 (the University of Michigan enabling act). Section 12 provides that the admission fee to the regular university course in the Department of Literature, Science and the Arts (LS&A) may not exceed \$10, but courses of instruction under Section 9 of the Act must be open without fee to the citizens of the State. (Section 9 requires the university regents to provide for courses of study in the university for students who do not wish to pursue the usual collegiate course, in LS&A, embracing the ancient languages.) Section 13 provides that the university must be open to all residents of the State, without tuition, under regulations prescribed by the regents, and to all other persons, under regulations prescribed by the board of regents.

Senate Bill 1127 would repeal Public Act 43 of 1897, which provides that water samples may be sent to the University of Michigan for analysis.

MCL 390.171-390.173 (S.B. 1057)  
390.113 (S.B. 1058)  
390.114 (S.B. 1059)  
390.115 (S.B. 1060)  
390.12 & 390.13 (S.B. 1120)  
390.81 & 390.83 (S.B. 1127)

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

These sections of law have not had practical application for many years. Also, the constitutional autonomy bestowed on the State's public universities in the Constitution of 1963 renders most of these provisions unenforceable. Due to these factors, there would be no fiscal impact on the State or local units of government, if these sections were repealed.

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