

Legislative Analysis



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House Bills 4644 and 4645

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4644 AND 4645 AS INTRODUCED 3-19-09

House Bill 4644 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.303 et al.) to:

** Deny a driver's license to an unlicensed person who has received a juvenile disposition for the willful and repeated absence from school or other learning program. The juvenile would be denied a license for six months from the date of the disposition.

** Suspend the driver's license of a juvenile who is under the jurisdiction of the Family Division of Circuit Court due to willful and repeated absence from school or other learning program. The license would be suspended for six months beginning on the date of disposition.

House Bill 4645 would amend the Probate Code (MCL 710, 21 et seq.) to require the Family Division of the Circuit Court to notify the Secretary of State when a juvenile is within its jurisdiction due to willful and repeated absence from school or other learning program, so that the Secretary of State can suspend the juvenile's driver's license (or presumably refuse to issue a license to an unlicensed juvenile). Immediately after entry of a court order of disposition of the juvenile, the court would have to prepare and forward an abstract of the case to the Secretary of State.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 4644 and 4645 would have no significant fiscal impact on the Department of State. Any impact would be related to increased administrative costs stemming from the bill's requirement that the Secretary of State under certain circumstances must deny a driver's license to unlicensed persons or suspend the driver's license of juveniles.

House Bill 4645 would have an indeterminate, but likely negligible, fiscal impact on the judiciary. Any fiscal impact would be the result of an increase in administrative workload associated with preparing and forwarding an abstract of the record of the court for the case to the Secretary of State.

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