

Legislative Analysis



REMOVE SUNSET FROM HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORIZATION AND DISTANCE EDUCATION RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE ACT

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House Bill 5147 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Carrie Rheingans
Committee: Higher Education
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5147 would repeal section 7 of the Higher Education Authorization and Distance Education Reciprocal Exchange Act. This would remove the act's current sunset (expiration date) of September 30, 2029, which was instituted by 2023 PA 127.¹

By removing this sunset, the bill would have the effect of no longer requiring the legislature to periodically reauthorize the act by extending the date when the act would be repealed.

MCL 390.1697 (repealed)

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5147 would have a minimal fiscal impact on the state. The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity would continue to collect application and authorization fees from participating colleges and universities that cover the administrative expenses in overseeing the reciprocal program agreement. The sunset removal would allow this structure to remain in place for as long as colleges and universities were interested in participating.

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¹ <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2023-HB-4982>