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House Bill 4676 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
House Bill 4677 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
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Sponsor: Representative Stephanie A. Young (H.B. 4676 & 4677)
Representative Kimberly Edwards (H.B. 4678)
House Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
Senate Committee: Housing and Human Seniors

CONTENT

House Bill 4676 (S-1) would amend the Foster Care and Adoption Services Act to require that a child placed in foster care be provided with an education that prioritized meeting graduation requirements and educational standards to the same extent as any student not in foster care.

House Bill 4677 (H-1) would amend the Foster Care and Adoption Services Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Education (MDE), and the Center for Educational Performance and Information to provide an annual report to the Legislature that contained information on foster children in the education system.

House Bill 4678 would amend the Revised School Code to require the MDE to regularly review educational programs provided in child caring institutions to ensure compliance with the Code and rules promulgated under the Code.

MCL 722.958b (H.B. 4676)
Proposed MCL 722.958e (H.B. 4677)
Proposed MCL 380.1281c (H.B. 4678)

BRIEF RATIONALE

Some children in foster care receive their education through child caring institutions. According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Housing and Human Services, the educational requirements or credits of such institutions do not always align with State graduation requirements. Reportedly, some youth in foster care believed that they were working toward graduation through assignments and classes while that was not the case. It has been suggested that the MDE be given oversight of child caring institutions to ensure that youth in foster care receive the same educational opportunities as any other child in the State.

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FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 4676 (S-1)

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State or local units of government. The bill would require foster youth to be enrolled in school within five days of placement or placement change, which is already current policy of the DHHS. It also would require youth in foster care to receive education that prioritizes the graduation requirements of the Michigan merit curriculum. This aligns with current DHHS policy.

The bill would have a fiscal impact on the MDE. The MDE estimates it would need 3.0 full-time equivalents and \$600,000 to implement the bill.

House Bill 4677 (H-1)

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the State and local units of government. The bill would require the DHHS to produce a report of several metrics on the education of youth in foster care. Producing this report could result in minimal administrative costs in tracking and compiling the data.

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