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Senators and Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled Senate Bill 758 and Enrolled House Bill 4042 to you without my approval. These bills would bind Michigan to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and the Nurse Licensure Compact, respectively.

The Constitution of 1963 provides that “[t]he public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.” Art. 4, sec. 51. While I value interstate cooperation, especially around issues that are peculiarly interstate in nature, these compacts require Michigan to cede its sovereign interest in regulating health professions to an outside body.

Forfeiting our prerogative as a state to set the standard of care required of nurses and psychologists practicing in our state would violate the command of section 51 of article 4. I am therefore vetoing this bill. I look forward to continuing to work with you to expand access to quality health care for Michiganders.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor