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JUVENILE FACILITY BOARDS

House Bill 4132 (Substitute H-2) Revised First Analysis (5-5-99)

Sponsor: Rep. Judith Scranton
Committee: Family and Children Services

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The W. J. Maxey Training School, a state-run juvenile facility located at Whitmore Lake, near the boundary between Washtenaw and Livingston counties, recently began updating and replacing some of the school's 40-year-old buildings. Reportedly, the construction started around the same time that a local utility expansion project was underway. However, the local communities were unaware of the school's plans, and now maintain that their project could have been extended to include the school had they been notified. As a result, legislation has been proposed to require that a member of the local community serve on the advisory board of such facilities. In this manner, local communities that house the facilities would be informed of plans that might affect community projects.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

House Bill 4132 would amend the Social Welfare Act to specify that an entity that acted in an advisory capacity to a juvenile facility would have to include at least one member who was an elected official or administrative employee of the city, village, or township in which the facility was located. The provisions of the bill would apply to an appointed board, commission, or similar entity that acted in an advisory capacity to a juvenile facility; and to a state-run facility housing juveniles within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency (HFA), the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. (4-26-99)

ARGUMENTS:

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For:

The bill would ensure that information would circulate between state-run juvenile facilities and the local units of government in which they were located, projects initiated by local communities would not conflict with projects at juvenile facilities, and local authorities would be able to take facilities' needs into consideration when planning programs such as infrastructure or road improvements.

POSITIONS:

The Family Independence Agency (FIA) supports the bill. (4-27-99)

The Livingston County Board of Commissioners supports the bill. (4-27-99)

The Michigan Municipal League (MML) supports the bill. (4-28-99)

The Michigan Townships Association (MTA) has no position on the bill. (4-28-99)

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