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Senate Bill 246 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Shugars
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to prohibit a person from consuming or possessing alcoholic liquor on school property. A violation would be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 120 days, a maximum fine of \$200, or both. The bill would not prohibit the lawful consumption or possession of alcoholic liquor on school property as part of a recognized religious service, or during a nonschool function or event on school property if the school administrator had approved of the consumption or possession of alcoholic liquor during that function or event.

The bill specifies that it would not prohibit an individual from being convicted of or found responsible for any other violation of law arising out of the same transaction as the violation of the bill.

The bill would define "school" as a public school offering developmental kindergarten, kindergarten, or any grade from 1 through 12. "School property" would mean a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, except a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses.

Proposed MCL 436.1904

Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 246 (S-1) would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local government. The proposed legislation would create a new misdemeanor punishable by a jail term of not more than 120 days and/or a fine of not more than \$200. Thus, local government would have either increased costs of incarceration or additional fee revenue. Costs of incarceration vary by county, and the number of people possibly subject to conviction under the bill is unknown at this time.

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