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INTERGENERATIONAL DAY CARE

House Bill 4742

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House Bill 4746

Sponsor: Rep. Tracey Yokich

**Committee: Senior Citizens
& Retirement**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4742 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-91, AND HOUSE BILL 4746 AS INTRODUCED 4-25-91

The bills would require the Department of Commerce and the Office of Services to the Aging to cooperate in the establishment of an intergenerational day care center program to provide opportunities for children and older persons to benefit from interaction with each other. Under the bills, an "intergenerational day care center" would mean a child care center or day care center, as defined in the child care licensing act, that provided opportunities for older persons and children to interact, or a center for the daytime care of functionally impaired older persons through a structured program of social, rehabilitative, or maintenance services that included regular interaction with children. Intergenerational day care would include, but not be limited to:

--Children's day care centers and adult day care centers located in the same facility, or adjacent facilities, that offered programs that combined the generations.

--Children's day care centers that used older persons as workers and volunteers.

--Day care that was provided at a nursing home for the children of employees, or for older persons related to employees of the nursing home, and that incorporated programs that combined the generations.

--Day care that was provided for the children of employees or for older persons related to employees at a workplace or at other facilities, that offered programs that combine the generations, and that was established through the joint efforts of employers, the office, and area agencies on aging. The bills are tie-barred to each other.

House Bill 4742 would create the Intergenerational Day Care Center Act and would require the Department of Commerce to establish an intergenerational day care center program. In order to implement the act, the department would be required to do the following:

--Consult with the Departments of Social Services, Mental Health and Public Health in setting up the program.

--Cooperate with the Office of Services to the Aging in encouraging businesses and older persons to join together in the provision of child care.

--Develop a grant program to encourage businesses to furnish space for intergenerational day care centers or to establish such centers for their employees. Using money appropriated by the legislature, or available from any other source, the department would award grants that could be used for salaries, supplies, and other operating expenses of the day care centers.

--Distribute information to Michigan businesses regarding the availability of such grants, and the availability of older persons as child care workers or as volunteers for employer-provided child care centers.

--Promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Act to provide for application procedures for grants, criteria for the awarding of grants, and other matters necessary to implement the program.

House Bill 4746 would amend the Older Michiganians Act (MCL 400.5861) to require the Office of Services to the Aging to establish an intergenerational day care program. The office would be required to consult with the Departments of Social Services, Public Health and Mental Health in setting up the program, and would do all of the following:

--Encourage older persons to serve as volunteers and child care workers at the centers.

--Encourage -- in conjunction with the area agencies on aging -- senior centers that had available space for day care to offer the space for intergenerational day care centers.

--Explore with nursing homes the possibility of locating intergenerational child care centers in nursing home facilities.

--Cooperate with the Department of Commerce to establish intergenerational day care centers in facilities provided by businesses or for the employees of businesses in senior centers or other locations.

--Encourage the directors of adult day care programs to provide activities that included interaction with children.

The provisions of House Bill 4746 would be repealed effective April 1, 1993.