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INTERGENERATIONAL DAY CARE

House Bill 4097

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House Bill 4566

Sponsor: Rep. Tracey Yokich

Committee: Human Services & Children

Complete to 5-17-93

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4097 AND 4566 AS INTRODUCED

House Bill 4097 would create a new public act to require the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Departments of Social Services, Public Health, and Mental Health, to establish an intergenerational day care center program. (An "intergenerational day care center" would be one where children and older people interacted. Among other things, it could be someplace where a children's day care center and an adult day care center shared facilities, a children's day care center that used older people as volunteers, a nursing home that provided day care for employees' children or older relatives with programs that combined the generations, or a children's or adult day care facility that was established through the joint efforts of employers, the Office of Services to the Aging, and area agencies on aging.)

The commerce department would develop a grant program to encourage businesses to furnish space for or establish intergenerational day care centers for their employees. Grants would be funded through legislative appropriations, donations, and money available from any other source. They would be awarded to employers under criteria specified by rules to be promulgated under the bill, and could be used for the operating expenses of intergenerational day care centers, including staff compensation and supplies.

The department also would: cooperate with the Office of Services to the Aging in encouraging businesses and older people to join together in providing day care; distribute to Michigan businesses information on the availability of older people as child care workers and on the availability of grants; and promulgate rules necessary to implement the intergenerational day care program.

The bill is tie-barred to a bill which has not yet been introduced.

House Bill 4566 would make complementary amendments to the Older Michiganians Act (MCL 400.5861), requiring the Office of Services to the Aging to establish an intergenerational day care program. In consultation with the Departments of Social Services, Public Health, and Mental Health, the office would:

** encourage older people to serve as volunteers and child care workers at intergenerational day care centers;

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**** encourage directors of adult day care programs to provide activities that included interaction with children;**

**** in conjunction with the area agencies on aging, encourage senior centers to offer any available space for intergenerational day care centers;**

**** explore with nursing homes the possibility of locating intergenerational child care centers in nursing home facilities; and,**

****cooperate with the commerce department in establishing employer-provided intergenerational day care centers.**

The bill would "sunset" April 1, 1995.