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House Bill 5122
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5122 AS INTRODUCED 10-13-93

The bill would create the Michigan Regional Education and Service District Boundary Commission to develop a plan for reorganizing the various regional service districts, intermediate school districts and community college districts that deliver regional educational services in the state. The purpose of the plan would be to ensure the most cost-effective delivery of services to the citizens of the state. The commission would have to consider the most cost-effective manner to deliver equitable regional educational services; clearly identify specific functions that each entity would perform in an integrated delivery of services; identify the geographic boundaries of regional service districts, intermediate school districts and community college districts; and identify functions that should be performed by the private sector.

Commission membership, operation. The commission would have seven members, three appointed by the governor and one each appointed by the four legislative leaders. Appointments would have to be made within 30 days after the bill took effect, and would have to be geographically representative of the citizens of the state. The commission would have to have its first meeting within 10 days after all the appointments had been made and confirmed.

Preliminary report. The commission would have to report to the legislature and the governor no later than three months after its first meeting. The report would contain the commission's findings and recommendations on reorganizing intermediate school districts, community college districts, and regional service districts, including a reorganization plan and a schedule for implementation, taking into consideration the duration of existing collective bargaining agreements and the need for holding new elections for elected officials affected by the plan.

Final report, implementation of plan. After submitting its plan, the commission would hold public hearings across the state to provide information to citizens, answer questions, and hear testimony on reorganization. After completion of the public hearings, and no later than six months after its first meeting, the commission would revise its findings and recommendations as necessary, and publish a final report and reorganization plan, submitting a copy to the legislature and the governor. The legislature would have 30 days to vote to reject the plan (by a majority vote of each chamber). If the legislature did not reject the plan, it would be implemented no later than October 1, 1995.

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