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Senate Bill 144 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter
Committee: Local, Urban, and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would create "The Central Disability Resource Directory Act" to provide for the establishment of a directory of information on services provided with State or Federal money to persons with a disability and their families by a service provider. The bill would require the Commission on Handicapper Concerns to develop and distribute a form to all agencies for the purpose of obtaining information; and would require the "computer network" (the software and hardware developed by TECH 2000 within the Department of Michigan Jobs Commission) to incorporate into its system information collected on disability services to create the directory and perform other functions, such as disseminating the information and updating the directory.

"Agency" would mean an organization designated by the Governor to implement a program for the protection and advocacy of the rights of developmentally disabled persons, or a State department, bureau, division, section, board, commission, trustee, authority, institution of higher education, or office created by the Constitution, statute, or agency action. "Disability" would mean a determinable physical or mental characteristic of an individual that could result from disease, injury, congenital condition of birth, or functional disorder if the characteristic limited one or more of the major life activities of that individual. "Service provider" would mean a person, organization, local or State governmental unit, or other entity that received State or Federal money for the purpose of providing services, equipment, supplies, or other assistance to a person with a disability or the family of a person with a disability.

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to the State could exceed \$100,000 annually during the first stage of the proposed project.

The Commission on Handicapper Concerns (Department of Labor) would be required to distribute a form to all "agencies", solicit new information on a continuing basis, and update the central resource directory at least annually. An "800" phone number providing similar services and information is provided by the Commission on Handicapper Concerns. The cost of this service is \$300 per month. According to Commission records, 8,000 calls are placed with this information number each year.

The Michigan Jobs Commission would need to provide staff for maintenance and data base support. No funding or other source of fiscal support has been identified, and project funding has not been provided in the Michigan Jobs Commission budget for FY 1995-96. Approximately one month of staff time would be needed annually to make necessary data base revisions, once the resource directory was in place and ready for the network.

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