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UPDATE STANDARDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

**House Bill 5304 as introduced
First Analysis (11-13-97)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom
Committee: Regulatory Affairs**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Playground Equipment Safety Act (House Bill 4102, which became Public Act 16 of 1997) sets standards for the manufacture and assembly of public playground equipment. The act, which takes effect May 1, 1998, requires that a person who manufactures or assembles public playground equipment for compensation comply with standards in the "Handbook for Public Playground Safety" published for the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission and the "Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use ASTM F1487-93" manual. Since the time that the legislation was originally introduced in the 1995-96 legislative session, the ASTM standard has been updated. Legislation has been offered to replace the standard referenced in the act with the current industry standard before the act takes effect.

districts and municipalities time to become familiar with the requirements in the recently updated ASTM manual.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the Playground Equipment Safety Act to update the American Society for Testing and Materials standard referenced in the act (entitled "Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use") from ASTM F1487-93 to ASTM F1487-95.

MCL 408.684

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The House Fiscal Agency reports that the bill would have no state or local fiscal impact. (11-6-97)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would make a technical correction to update a manufacturing standard referenced in the Playground Equipment Safety Act to reflect the current industry standard. As the act does not take effect until May 1, 1998, updating the reference now will give school

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Further, the bill would eliminate confusion on the part of public playground operators as to which standard to follow, the older version referenced in the act or the newer publication that replaced it.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Consumer and Industry Services supports the bill. (11-7-97)

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