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Senate Bill 543 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Gary Peters
Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 220 of 1935, which governs the Michigan Children's Institute, to provide that, if a child were committed to the Children's Institute, the child's attorney would have to consult with and be consulted by the superintendent of the Institute regarding all issues of commitment, placement, and permanency planning.

Under the Act, a child may be admitted to the Children's Institute either by commitment to the Family Independence Agency (FIA), or by observation order of the probate court. A child may be committed to the FIA either by the juvenile court if the child is abused or neglected, or by the probate court if the child is a ward of the court and the court has denied an order of adoption. In the case of an observation order, if a child has been decreed to be a ward of the probate court or if the juvenile court has acquired formal jurisdiction of a child, the probate court may make a temporary commitment to the FIA and direct that the child be taken to a facility of the Children's Institute for observation.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill appears to have no fiscal impact on State or local governments.

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