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Senate Bill 1120 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Alma Wheeler Smith
Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would repeal Sections 12 and 13 of Public Act 151 of 1851 (the University of Michigan enabling act). Section 12 provides that the admission fee to the regular university course in the Department of Literature, Science and the Arts (LS&A) may not exceed \$10, but courses of instruction under Section 9 of the Act must be open without fee to the citizens of the State. (Section 9 requires the university regents to provide for courses of study in the university for students who do not wish to pursue the usual collegiate course, in LS&A, embracing the ancient languages.) Section 13 provides that the university must be open to all residents of the State, without tuition, under regulations prescribed by the regents, and to all other persons, under regulations prescribed by the board of regents.

MCL 390.12 & 390.13

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FISCAL IMPACT

These sections of law have not had practical application for many years. Also, the constitutional autonomy bestowed on the State's public universities in the Constitution of 1963 renders most of these provisions unenforceable. Due to these factors, there would be no fiscal impact on the State or local units of government, if these sections were repealed.

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