H.B. 4240 (S-3): FLOOR ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4240 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Clark Bisbee

House Committee: Education Senate Committee: Education

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to provide that, within 90 days after the bill's effective date, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, and Director of the Department of State Police would have to adopt, publish, and distribute to school boards, county prosecutors, and local law enforcement agencies a Statewide School Safety Information Policy. The policy would have to identify the types of incidents occurring at school that had to be reported to law enforcement agencies, and establish procedures to be followed when such an incident occurred.

Within 180 days after the bill's effective date, each school board, county prosecutor, and local law enforcement agency would have to confer on the implementation of the Statewide policy for each school district, and begin compliance with the policy. A school board, county prosecutor, and local law enforcement agency also could enter into a local agreement or take other measures to facilitate the sharing of school safety information or to promote school safety, if the agreement or other measures were consistent with the Statewide policy.

By the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year, a school board would have to adopt and implement a policy, or review and modify or reaffirm its existing policy, concerning disciplinary action and procedures for assaults committed by pupils against other pupils at school.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 183 and 206, and House Bill 4241, which would allow teachers to suspend a pupil for up to one day; require the suspension of a pupil for assaulting a school employee; and provide for the creation of strict discipline academies.

Proposed MCL 380.1308 & 380.1310

## FISCAL IMPACT

<u>State</u>: The Departments of Education, Attorney General, and State Police would incur costs associated with developing, publishing, and distributing the Statewide School Safety Information Policy required by this bill. It is anticipated, however, that current staffing levels would be sufficient for the development of the school safety policy. Therefore, the costs of publishing and distributing the policy are estimated at \$3,000 to \$5,000.

<u>Local</u>: Minimal costs associated with the reporting of incidents or sharing of information could be incurred by both local districts and law enforcement agencies.

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