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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SENATE BILL 614 AS PASSED THE SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. Leon Stille

House Committee: Transportation

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 12/11/02

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SUMMARY

Senate Bill 614 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code requiring the Secretary of State to develop and issue a Support Education fund-raising license plate and matching collector plate. In addition to the regular registration tax, the vehicle owner must pay a \$25 donation and a \$10 service fee. A person also must pay a \$25 donation and a \$10 service fee for a collector plate. The Secretary of State would have to deposit the \$25 donation into a Support Education Fund created within the Department of Treasury. The money could be used only by the Department of Education for minigrants to certified public or non-public school teachers for school supplies and equipment that would enhance student learning, with emphasis on reading and mathematics. Seventy-five percent of the funds would have to go for minigrants of up to \$500 to teachers in the county where the plates were purchased. The remaining 25% would have to go to teachers in counties with a high need for the funds but few Support Education registrations. The Department of Education would have to hold a Statewide student contest to determine the design of the Support Education plate, subject to approval by the Secretary of State.

The bill would go into effect on May 1, 2003. It is tie-barred to House Bills 4352 (which would create fund-raising license plates for Ducks Unlimited and Choose Life) and 5122 (which would create a fund-raising plate for breast cancer awareness.)

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local units of government.