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Senate Bill 871 (as introduced 11-29-01)  
Sponsor: Senator Leon Stille  
Committee: Health Policy

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide that certain regulations for starting platforms at a swimming pool would not apply to colleges and universities that restricted use of the platforms to collegiate swim programs.

Under R 325.2135 of the Michigan Administrative Code, if starting platforms are provided at a swimming pool, the pool owner must ensure that the platforms comply with the water depth and platform height requirements in the rule. The bill provides that R 325.2135 would not apply to a public swimming pool owned or operated by a college or university in Michigan, if the college or university restricted the use of starting platforms to collegiate swimmers participating in a college or university collegiate or intercollegiate swim program sanctioned by a national collegiate athletic organization.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government but would allow colleges and universities that have starting platforms for swimming pools that are less than five feet deep, to avoid the costs of renovating or building new swimming pools. There are two public universities with pools that are less than five feet deep: Grand Valley State University and Northern Michigan University. Grand Valley State University estimates that renovation costs would be approximately \$1.5 million in order to comply with the five foot depth requirement of the rule. In addition to the two public universities, there are at least two private colleges, Albion and Calvin, that have pools with a depth of less than five feet.

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