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House Bill 5121 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Tupac Hunter

House Committee: Education

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## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit a school district with at least 20,000 pupils and a city in its territory with a population of at least 180,000 to employ public safety officers or police officers, and grant them the same powers and authority of peace officers under the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Michigan Vehicle Code. (As of the 2000 census, this would apply to the school districts of Detroit and Grand Rapids.)

Before granting these powers and authority, a school board would have to conduct at least two public hearings. The board also would have to create a public safety advisory committee, composed of three to five members appointed by the chief administrator of the school district, with the concurrence of the school board. The committee would have to receive and address grievances against the public safety officers or police officers, or against the public safety department or police department of that school district.

The jurisdiction of school public safety officers or police officers granted powers and authority under the bill would include all territory within the boundaries of the school district and all property outside the boundaries that was owned, leased, or rented by the school district that employed the public safety officers.

A school's public safety department or police department and each local law enforcement agency with which it had overlapping jurisdiction would be required to enter into a memorandum of understanding that established reasonable communication and coordination efforts between them.

Proposed MCL 380.1240

Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. There could be an indeterminate cost to the two eligible school districts (Detroit and Grand Rapids) associated with the administrative costs of creating and operating the public safety advisory committee. The newly created public safety or police department also could incur some minimal costs associated with the submission of the monthly crime reports to the Department of State Police, as the bill would require.

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