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Senate Bill 1184

Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Kuipers House Committee: Education Senate Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1184 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 3-30-06

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to specify that, beginning July 1, 2006, the board of a local school district or other public agency responsible for providing programs or services to a child with a disability would be responsible for 75 percent of the costs of providing a due process hearing under R 340.1882 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Rule 340.1882, which will take effect July 1, 2006, allows a parent, public agency, or the Department of Education to request an administrative hearing on matters related to identification, evaluation, educational placement, provision of a free appropriate public education, provision of appropriate services to the child or his or her family, assignment of financial obligations for those services, determination that behavior was not a manifestation of the student's ability, or determination of an interim alternative setting.

The rule states that the district of residence or public school academy must reimburse the special education hearings unit for 75 percent of the costs related to providing the hearing.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact, as it would codify current practice under administrative rule.

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