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House Bill 4142 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Brian Palmer

House Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 38 of 1970, which provides for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), to require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure the following:

- That a contractor used for scoring a test supplied an individual report for each student that would identify for his or her parents and teachers whether the student met or failed to meet expectations for each standard.
- That a contractor used for scoring, developing, or processing a test met quality management standards commonly used in the assessment industry, including at least level 2 of the capability maturity model developed by Carnegie Mellon University for the 2005-2006 school year assessments, and at least level 3 for subsequent assessments.
- That any contract for scoring, administering, or developing a test included specific deadlines for all steps of the process, and penalties for noncompliance.

The bill also would do the following:

- Establish test criteria regarding grade level content, compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act, consistency with a code of fair testing practices, and factual accuracy.
- Require schools to identify students who demonstrated extraordinary competence in multiple subject areas (in addition to students with extraordinary need for assistance).
- Require testing at additional grade levels, if mandated by the Federal government.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There are no estimated costs at the present time associated with this legislation, since the new MEAP administration coordinator meets the Level 3 of the Capability Maturity Model requirement. However, in the future, if this contractor remains the only Level 3 provider (as is currently the case), there could be an indirect impact on costs to the extent that competition to provide MEAP administration would be limited.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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