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House Bill 4455 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Ben Glardon  
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure  
Senate Committee: Transportation

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 354 of 1925, which regulates the construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of bridges, to require the Department of Transportation to institute and implement a federally compliant and risk-based inspection plan for all bridges under its jurisdiction. Currently, the Department must institute a systematic plan of biennial inspection of all bridges under its jurisdiction.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

MCL 254.19a

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact at the local level. At the State level, according to the Department of Transportation, some resources currently spent on regular inspections of low-risk bridges would be shifted toward increased and more in-depth inspections of poor-rated bridges. This could result in lower bridge maintenance costs in the long term, to the extent that 1) potential problems with poor-rated bridges were identified and addressed before those bridges deteriorated further, and 2) sufficient funds were available to remedy those identified problems.

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