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Senate Bill 1232 (as introduced 11-28-18)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to remove a section that requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to pay 100% of the administrative rate to providers responsible for foster care case management services in a county with a population of not less than 575,000 or more than 650,000, and only for cases transferred by the DHHS child placing agency to families of children who were court-ordered into foster care because of abuse or neglect and placed into the care and supervision of the DHHS, regardless of placement setting until a prospective payment system was implemented.

The Act requires the DHHS, notwithstanding current provisions, and subject to appropriations, to implement a prospective payment system as part of a State-administered performance-based child welfare system in a county with a population of 575,000 to 650,000, for foster care case management of children in accordance with Section 503 of the Article X of Public Act 252 of 2014. (Article X of Public Act 252 provides for the DHHS's budget in the annual appropriation for fiscal year 2014-15. Section 503 pertains to a performance-based funding model for child welfare services.) The bill would increase the upper limit of a county population range from 650,000 to 750,000.

The bill also would remove the May 1, 2019, date after which these requirements no longer apply.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The population range in the Act currently applies only to Kent County. The changes made in the bill would continue to apply exclusively to Kent County. As the prospective payment and performance-based funding model is currently in operation in Kent County through the West Michigan Partnership for Children, there would be no fiscal impact to State or local government.

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