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TEMPORARY DOOR LOCKING DEVICES

House Bills 5502 and 5503 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Scott VanSingel
Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

House Bills 5502 and 5503 would amend the Fire Prevention Code and the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, respectively, to specify that a labelled fire door assembly with a temporary door locking device or system installed under section 1d of 1937 PA 306, which regulates the construction of school buildings, would not violate the Fire Prevention Code or the Construction Code, respectively.

The bills are tie-barred to each other and to House Bill 4689. A bill cannot take effect unless each bill to which it is tie-barred is also enacted.

MCL 29.22 (HB 5502)
MCL 125.1528 (HB 5503)

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4689, which would amend 1937 PA 306, has been passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and presented to the governor.[1] The bill would allow a ***temporary door locking device or system*** to be installed in school buildings. As defined in that bill, ***temporary door locking device or system*** would mean an anchoring mechanism or system installed on the interior side of a door that, when engaged, secures the door against forced entry.

Currently, such systems are widely used in schools and other buildings such as hospitals, courts, military bases, and business establishments, as well as private residences, often in active shooter incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 5502 and 5503 would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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[1] See https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/billanalysis/House/pdf/2019-HLA-4689-74C7CE57.pdf