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House Bill 4728 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Julie Rogers House Committee: Health Policy Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 91 (General Provisions) of the Public Health Code to delete the requirement that a regular donor of self-replicating body fluids be tested every three months for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or an HIV antibody.

MCL 333.9123

BRIEF RATIONALE

According to testimony, HIV tests are not medically necessary for breastmilk safety because the pasteurization process deactivates the HIV virus. Testing donated breastmilk from regular donors for HIV is costly, time consuming, and reportedly discourages donors from continuing to donate. Foregoing quarterly testing for HIV for regular breastmilk donors would reduce costs and could result in better retention of breastmilk donors, and so the bill has been suggested.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor positive fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services and local units of government by reducing laboratory costs due to the elimination of the quarterly testing requirement for self-replicating body fluids.

Date Completed: 12-13-24 Fiscal Analyst: Ellyn Ackerman