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**CONVEY DMH PROPERTY IN TUSCOLA TO DOC**

House Bill 5442 as introduced  
First Analysis (5-24-90)

Sponsor: Rep. Dick Allen  
Committee: State Affairs

***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Some 40 acres of Department of Mental Health (DMH) property on the east side of the Caro Regional Mental Health Center in Tuscola County has been used as a prison camp — unofficially — by the Department of Corrections (DOC) for several years. Legislation is needed to transfer the property officially from DMH to DOC.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would permit the State Administrative Board to transfer certain state owned land from the Department of Mental Health to the Department of Corrections. The parcel consists of approximately 40.09 acres of land now under the jurisdiction of the Caro Regional Mental Health Center in Indian Fields Township, Tuscola County. Under the bill, DMH would retain an access easement across the parcel for repair and maintenance of a water well and its appurtenances. The transfer would be effective when approved by a resolution of the state administrative board, and all documents would require approval by the attorney general.

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. (5-23-90)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The bill would transfer property that the Department of Mental Health considers "excess," to the Department of Corrections, which has already demonstrated a need for the land.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Management and Budget supports the bill. (5-23-90)

The Department of Mental Health has no position on the bill. (5-23-90)

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