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**INTERGENERATIONAL DAY CARE PROGRAM**

House Bill 5582

Sponsor: Rep. Kay M. Hart

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House Bill 5583

Sponsor: Rep. Mary C. Brown

Committee: Senior Citizens and  
Retirement

Complete to 4-18-90

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5582 AND 5583 AS INTRODUCED 3-12-90**

The bills would require the Department of Commerce and the Office of Services to the Aging to cooperate in the establishment of an intergenerational day care center program to help meet the state's child care needs and to provide opportunities for children and older persons to benefit from interaction with each other. Under the bills, an "intergenerational day care center" would mean a child care center or day care center, as defined in the child care licensing act, that employed or used older persons as child care workers or volunteers, or that was located in a senior center or nursing home. The bills are tie-barred to each other.

House Bill 5582 would create the Intergenerational Day Care Center Act and would require the Department of Commerce to establish an intergenerational day care center program. In order to implement the act, the department would be required to do the following:

-- Cooperate with the Office of Services to the Aging in encouraging businesses and persons 60 years of age and older to join together in the provision of child care.

-- Develop a grant program to encourage businesses to furnish space for intergenerational day care centers or to establish such centers for their employees. Using money appropriated by the legislature, or available from any other source, the department would award grants that could be used for salaries, supplies, and other operating expenses of the day care centers.

-- Distribute information to Michigan businesses regarding the availability of the above grants, and the availability of older persons as child care workers or as volunteers for employer-provided child care centers.

-- Promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Act to provide for application procedures for grants, criteria for the awarding of grants, and other matters necessary to implement the program.

House Bill 5583 would amend the Older Michiganians Act to require the Office of Services to the Aging to establish an intergenerational day care program. The office would be required to do all of the following:

-- Encourage older persons to serve as volunteers and child care workers at the centers.

-- Encourage -- in conjunction with the area agencies on aging --

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senior centers that had available space for day care to offer the space for intergenerational day care centers.

-- Explore with nursing homes the possibility of locating intergenerational child care centers in nursing home facilities.

-- Cooperate with the Department of Commerce to establish intergenerational day care centers in facilities provided by businesses or for the employees of businesses in senior centers or other locations.

The provisions of the bill would be repealed effective April 1, 1993.

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