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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 403 of 1988 made several amendments to the emancipation of minors act, including an amendment to specify that emancipated minors have the right to determine their own living arrangements. However, the child care licensing act requires facilities that provide care for people under the age of 18 to be licensed as child care organizations. Therefore, although domestic violence shelters and other shelters that provide homes for emancipated youth are in violation of the child care licensing act, their actions are consistent with the provisions in the emancipation of minors act. Legislation is needed to provide consistency between the child care licensing act and the emancipation of minors act.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the child care licensing act to exclude from the licensing and regulation requirements of the act organizations that provide care exclusively to emancipated minors and organizations that provide care exclusively to adults and to emancipated minors.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the Department of Social Services, the bill would have no fiscal implications for the state. (9-18-90)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The emancipation of minors act clearly states that minors can determine their place of residence; however, the child care organization act currently prevents minors from determining their place of residence if the residence is a shelter. The bill will help facilitate the consistent treatment of emancipated minors by updating the child care organization act to reflect the intent of the emancipation of minors act.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Social Services supports the bill. (9-18-90)

House Bill 4560 (Substitute H-1) First Analysis (9-19-90)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Sr. Committee: Social Services & Youth