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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1052 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Jack Welborn

Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

Date Completed: 10-17-90

**RATIONALE**

The Michigan Training Unit, located in Ionia County, is interested in expanding its training facilities, specifically its practice firing range. There is a 79-acre parcel of land with a vacant residential dwelling across the road from the Michigan Training Unit's property that apparently would be a suitable location for the expanded facilities. It has been suggested, therefore, that the State purchase the property for use as a firing range.

**CONTENT**

The bill would authorize the State Administrative Board to acquire about 79.25 acres of property and improvements in Easton Township, Ionia County, for the purpose of constructing a firing range for the Department of Corrections. The purchase would have to be for fair market value, up to \$79,000 including estimated prorated real estate taxes. The parcel would be subject to any easements or rights of record that pertained to it. The fair market value would have to be determined by an appraisal based on the property's "highest and best use", as prepared by the State Tax Commission or an independent fee appraiser. All documents regarding the acquisition would have to be approved by the Attorney General.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would result in a State expenditure increase of \$79,000 for the acquisition of the real estate in FY 1990-91. The Department of Corrections reports that operating costs for the firing range will remain at the current level.

**ARGUMENTS****Supporting Argument**

The bill would allow the Michigan Training Unit to expand its facilities to meet increasing training needs.

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