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**ENTERPRISE ZONE STUDY**

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***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

The Enterprise Zone Act requires the enterprise zone authority in the Department of Commerce to award a grant to a university to perform an independent monitoring and evaluation of the economic impact of the first enterprise zone in Benton Harbor. The report must be delivered to the committees of the legislature concerned with economic development, local government, and taxation by October 1, 1987. Wayne State University was awarded the grant but could not begin research as scheduled because the authority took six months to get under way. Thus, the department suggests extending the deadline for presentation of the report to give the university enough time to complete research.

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

The bill would change the due date for the report detailing the monitoring and evaluation of the economic impact of the first enterprise zone established under the Enterprise Zone Act from October 1, 1987 to March 1, 1988 (MCL 125.2106).

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

There are no fiscal implications to the state (2-12-87).

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The bill would give back to Wayne State University the six months lost to its researchers while the enterprise zone authority prepared to begin operation. It would thus allow the university to prepare its study according to its proposed schedule and scope of activities.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Commerce supports the bill (2-12-87).