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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Oakdale Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities has been downsizing facilities and placing clients in appropriate settings within their counties of residence. Much of the land and facilities that the agency currently maintains is unused. The Lapeer County Intermediate School District needs additional facilities. Thus, legislation is needed which would allow the intermediate school district to take possession of a school building currently being maintained by the Oakdale Center.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would authorize the State Administrative Board to transfer 8.77 acres of state-owned land in Lapeer County to the Lapeer County Intermediate School District for one dollar. The bill would also provide that student residents of the Oakdale Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities would be given priority by the Lapeer County Intermediate School District for enrollment in classes held within the school building conveyed by the bill. Under the bill the Intermediate School District would assume responsibility for appropriate maintenance and upkeep of the building and for material costs incurred in the installation of separate public utility meters. In addition, the school district would have to pay for the cost of any utilities which the school district used as the owner of the property.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the Departments of Mental Health (4-27-87) and Management and Budget (5-26-87), the bill would have no fiscal implications to the state.

ARGUMENTS:

For:

Since the intermediate school district needs this space while the facility does not, it would be better if the surplus land and building could be used by the school district. The bill would enable a transfer between the two parties to occur. In addition, the bill would also alleviate the Department of Mental Health's responsibility for the property and building.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Management and Budget supports the bill. (5-26-87)

The Department of Mental Health supports the bill. (4-13-87)