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LAPEER AND ISABELLA LAND TRANSFERS

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Lapeer County Transfer:

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.

Isabella County Transfer:

Each year Central Michigan University (CMU) hosts the Michigan Special Olympics. During this event participants are normally housed in various campus facilities. The university would like to develop centralized housing units for the Special Olympics program. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) owns a parcel of land adjacent to CMU's campus which was formerly used as a maintenance garage but which is now unused due to the construction of a new garage. Legislation has been proposed to enable the university to convert the building into housing units for the Special Olympics program.

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.

Under the bill, the Department of Transportation would be authorized to transfer a parcel of land to Central Michigan University for one dollar. Revenue received from the transfer would be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the transportation fund. The bill would also stipulate that the land could only be used for public purposes and that upon termination of the public use the title to the property would revert immediately back to the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the Department of Mental Health, the Lapeer County land transfer would have no fiscal implications to the state. (6-30-87)

The House Fiscal Agency maintains that the Isabella County land transfer would have no fiscal implications to the state. (6-30-87)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

Since the intermediate school district in Lapeer County 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.

For:

The transfer of the garage from MDOT to CMU would address the university's need for more centralized facilities. It would also improve efficiency within state government by relieving the state of the responsibility for the unused property.

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