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**MUNICIPALITIES, POLICE PROTECTION**

House Bill 4483 with committee amendments  
First Analysis (6-10-87)

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Sponsor: Rep. Claude Trim

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**THE APPARENT PROBLEM:**

Public Act 289 of 1977 provides for state payments to municipalities for fire protection services provided to state facilities. Small communities, however, which are hard pressed for money and cannot provide their own police services, claim that they cannot always rely on the state police for protection. In addition, under the act, if the estimated equalized value of the state facility is less than one percent of the amount of the state equalized valuation of the municipality, or if the facility has its own fire protection, the state is not required to reimburse the municipalities. This means that many small facilities are not covered by the act, such as parks and youth camps. Some people contend that, with the growing youth problems in the state, areas such as these are the very ones that need fire and police protection most.

**THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:**

At present, Public Act 289 of 1977 provides for state payments to municipalities for fire protection services provided to state facilities. The bill would amend the act to provide also for payment for police protection services. Municipalities would be required to include the same information for payment for police protection services that is at present required for payment for fire protection services: the dollar amount of the actual expenditures for the services, the current state equalized valuation, and certification that the services are being provided to a state facility in the same manner as those provided to the municipality. The amount due the municipality would be determined by dividing the estimated equalized value of the state facilities located in the municipality by the sum of the state equalized valuation of the municipality and the estimated equalized value of the facilities, and multiplying the result by the fire and police protection expenditures reported. If the resulting amount was less than \$500, no payment would be made to the municipality.

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**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The House Fiscal Agency reports that, should an amount be appropriated for police protection equal to the amount presently appropriated for fire protection services, there would be definite fiscal implications for the state. Depending on how many local units used the services, the total cost is estimated at \$12 million. (6-9-87)

**ARGUMENTS:**

**For:**

A recent uprising at Camp Pontiac in Oakland County resulted in the local police being called. Funds for the police services come from White Lake Township. The bill would allow the state to reimburse the township for these services, since the camp is a state facility.

**Against:**

The concept of this bill is good, however the bill does not provide for additional funds for the proposed police services. If money for police services is taken out of the funds presently allocated for fire services, then this is simply a reshuffling and watering down of existing services. Separate funds should be allocated for fire protection services.

**POSITIONS:**

The Michigan Municipal League supports the concept of the bill. (6-9-87)

The Michigan Association of Counties supports the concept of the bill. (6-9-87)

The Michigan Townships Association supports the concept of the bill. (6-9-87)

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