

GOVERNMENT OWNED/LEASED MOTOR VEHICLES

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House Bills 5521-5523

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5521-5523 AS INTRODUCED 12-14-05

The bills would, generally speaking, require governmental units to make information on government-owned motor vehicles available to the public, through a website established by the Department of Management and Budget. If local governments and school districts did not provide such information, state aid would be withheld until such information was received.

House Bill 5523

The bill would amend the Management and Budget Act (MCL 18.1213) to require the Department of Management and Budget to maintain records on motor vehicles owned or leased by state agencies and make such information available on a website. The records would include the following:

- Date of purchase or initial lease date and duration of lease.
- Date of sale, if the vehicle is subsequently sold.
- Year, make, and model of the vehicle.
- Authorized users of the vehicle.
- Mileage driven in the previous fiscal year.
- Total mileage.

The DMB would also be required to post similar information on vehicles owned by municipalities and school districts, as provided for in House Bills 5521 and 5522. The information would have to be posted on the DMB's website no later than January 1 of each year.

House Bill 5521

The bill would amend the State Revenue Sharing Act (MCL 141.920a) to require local governments (counties, cities, villages, and townships) to provide information on government-owned or leased motor vehicles to the Department of Management and Budget, no later than November 1 of each year. If the local government fails to provide such information, any statutory revenue sharing payments could be withheld.

House Bill 5522

The bill would amend the State School Aid Act of 1979 (MCL 388.1794f) to require school districts and intermediate school districts to provide information on district-owned or leased motor vehicles to the Department of Management and Budget, no later than November 1 of each year. If the district fails to provide such information, any state aid made under the act would be withheld.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5521 would have no direct impact on state revenue. To the extent that a local unit did not comply with the requirements of the bill and a local unit's revenue sharing payment is withheld, that local unit's revenue would decline by the amount of the withheld revenue sharing payment. The bill would also increase costs to local units of government.

House Bill 5522 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local and intermediate school districts. It would require school districts to report to the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) specific detailed data on each vehicle that it owns or leases. The bill potentially would create new costs to school districts for collecting and compiling the data in the form and manner described by DMB and the legislation. Thus the amount of cost will vary by district.

House Bill 5523 would have an indeterminate amount of fiscal impact to the state. The Department of Management and Budget would be required to create and maintain a website that contained information specified in the bill on each motor vehicle owned or leased by a state agency. Also, the Department would be required to post on the website specified information on motor vehicles owned or leased by school districts and local units of government. The DMB has said that "increased costs to the state would occur for staffing to coordinate the project, design the webpage, design the reporting database, design forms, monitor reporting compliance, etc."

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