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Senate Bill 1135 (as introduced 11-6-14)
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Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require a driver transporting a child to position the child in a child restraint system according to the child's weight or height.

Except as otherwise provided by law, a rule promulgated under the Administrative Procedures Act, or Federal regulation, the Code requires a driver transporting a child less than four years of age in a motor vehicle to properly secure the child in a child restraint system that meets the standards prescribed in 49 C.F.R. 571.213.

The Code specifies that a driver transporting a child less than four years of age must position the child in a child restraint system in a rear seat, if the vehicle is equipped with a rear seat, unless all available rear seats are occupied with such children. The bill instead would require a driver transporting a child less than four years of age to position the child in the child restraint system as follows:

- If the child weighed 30 pounds or less, in a rear-facing child seat.
- If the child weighed between 30 and 50 pounds, in a forward-facing child seat
- If the child was not taller than 57 inches, in a booster seat.

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FISCAL IMPACT

A violation of the child restraint requirements is a civil infraction. The proposed change in language could result in an increase in violations and an increase in civil infraction revenue, which the Michigan Vehicle Code dedicates to public libraries.

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