

# Legislative Analysis



## MODEL PRESENTATION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

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**House Bill 5174 (H-1) as adopted**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5174 would amend the Revised School Code to require the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop or adopt a model presentation on organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation programs and make that presentation available to public schools. The model presentation would have to be at least one hour long and include information about the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. In developing the model presentation, MDE would have to consult with third-party organizations<sup>1</sup> including Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization (Gift of Life Michigan).

MDE would have to develop or adopt the model presentation by January 1, 2025. Then, beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the board of a school district, intermediate school district (ISD), or public school academy (PSA, or charter school) would have to ensure that the presentation is provided to ninth grade students in schools under their respective administration before the students complete their ninth grade year.

Parents and legal guardians could opt their student out of attending the presentation, without penalty, by providing a written request to the student's school.

Proposed MCL 380.1170c

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would increase costs for the state and could increase costs for local school districts, ISDs, and PSAs.

MDE has noted that, although a curriculum has already been developed by Gift of Life, meeting the requirements under the bill would require 1.0 FTE authorization and \$200,000 for a consultant to make available a model presentation on organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation programs; provide guidance to districts; and ensure that districts are complying with the law.

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<sup>1</sup> Gift of Life Michigan has a curriculum available on its website that appears to meet the requirements of the bill. See: <https://giftoflifemichigan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/All-of-Us-curriculum-summary.pdf>

Districts, ISDs, and PSAs could incur costs to the extent that they would need to revise their curriculum to ensure that the model presentation is provided to all students before completion of ninth grade. These costs would likely be absorbed using existing staff time.

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