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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 227 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Dan Lauwers
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to require emergency safety intervention in the form of physical management in child caring institutions to comply with standards prescribed by the Mental Health Code and associated administrative rules.

MCL 722.111 et al.

BRIEF RATIONALE

Children's therapeutic group homes are a type of child caring institution that is designated as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) by the Center for Medicaid Services based on a policy submission from the State. A PRTF is a facility for adolescents (children under 18 years of age) who require care in a residential-type facility up to, and including, inpatient level of care. Some people believe that Michigan is currently experiencing a children's mental health crisis because of a lack of children's psychiatric inpatient beds. According to testimony, frequent difficulties with behavior management at children's therapeutic group homes require emergency restraint and seclusion rules. It has been suggested that these facilities abide by standards already in place in the Mental Health Code and administrative rules.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services or local units of government.

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