Legislative Analysis

BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

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House Bill 5803 (proposed substitute H-1)
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5803 would amend section 1 of 1973 PA 116, which regulates child care programs. Section 1 establishes which types of programs are subject to regulation under the act. Under current law, before- and after-school care programs are defined as a ***child care center*** if the facility is generally described as such.

> ***Child care center*** means a facility, other than a private residence, receiving one or more children under 13 years of age for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, where the parents or guardians are not immediately available to the child. Child care center includes a facility that provides care for not less than two consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. The facility is generally described as a child care center, day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in center.

The bill would specifically provide that a preschool program or classroom located in a public school that provides part-day programs, school-day programs, Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) extended programs, GSRP/Head Start school-day blended programs, or GSRP/Head Start extended blended programs is *not* considered a child care center under the act, and it would delete the portion of the definition that is underlined above. The bill also would add language specifying that a preschool program or classroom located in a nonpublic school (as defined in section 5 of the Revised School Code) is not a child care center.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would create an indeterminate cost savings for the state and for local school districts, public school academies (PSAs), and intermediate school districts (ISDs) that run preschool classrooms or Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) classrooms in school buildings.

The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential would realize reduced costs due to the reduction in classrooms that would need to be licensed to operate as a child care center.

Districts, PSAs, and ISDs that run applicable programs would realize reduced administrative costs to comply with the child care licensing requirements.

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