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CHILD FOSTER CARE

House Bills 4527-4528

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Committee: Human Services

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4527-4528 AS INTRODUCED 3-7-95

Currently, under the child care licensing act (MCL 722.115) the Department of Social Services (DSS) may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16 or 17 years old in a licensed adult foster care family home or a licensed adult foster care small group home. House Bill 4528 would amend the act to include certain other children under this provision. Under the bill, the DSS could authorize -- on an exception basis -- the placement of a child in a licensed adult foster care family home or in a licensed adult foster care small group home if the child was neurologically handicapped and physically limited to such a degree as to require complete physical assistance with mobility and the activities of daily living. The placement would have to meet criteria similar to those for placing a 16- or 17-year-old:

****The placement would have to be in the best interests of the child and have the consent of the child's parent or guardian.**

****The home would have to be able to meet the identified needs of the child; and the child's psychosocial and clinical needs would have to be compatible with those of other residents.**

****The clinical treatment of the child's condition would have to be similar to that of the other residents.**

****The child's cognitive level would have to be consistent with that of other residents.**

****The child placing agency or approved governmental unit would have to periodically reevaluate the placement to determine that these criteria continued to be met.**

House Bill 4527 would amend the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act (MCL 400.703) to make it consistent with the provisions of House Bill 4528. House Bill 4527 is tie-barred to House Bill 4528.

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