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House Bill 5132

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5132 AS INTRODUCED 9-7-05

Under the Library of Michigan Act, not less than 75 copies (or one copy in the proper format) of each document issued by a state official, department, board, commission, or agency that is not used solely for use of that entity must be furnished to the Library of Michigan. Additional copies of a document must also be provided to the library upon the request of the state librarian.

House Bill 5132 would amend the act to specify that a state official, department, board, commission, or agency would not have to file 75 paper copies of a document if the document is freely available on the state's website and the state librarian is notified of the Internet address at which the document may be accessed. The bill would also delete the requirement that additional documents be provided upon the state librarian's request.

In addition, the act currently exempts state-supported colleges and universities from the filing requirement stated above, except that they are required to provide the Library of Michigan with two copies of every publication of the college or university. The bill specifies instead that a college or university would have to deposit two paper copies of each publication that is not freely available on the school's Internet website.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would result in an indeterminate savings to those institutions currently providing copies.

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