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House Bill 5766 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Kate Ebli

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Railroad Code to require a railroad corporation to place whistle post signs to the right of the main track in the direction of approach exactly one-quarter of a mile from the entrance to any grade crossings, to notify locomotive engineers who blow a whistle and ring a bell as the locomotive approaches the grade crossing as a warning to the public.

The whistle post signs would have to consist of a "W" identifiable on a square plate mounted on a post, and would have to be visible to a locomotive engineer within the locomotive cab, kept in good repair, and replaced promptly when necessary.

The bill would not apply to a grade crossing located in a quiet zone as that term is defined in Federal regulation 49 CFR 222.9, i.e., a segment of a rail line that contains one or more consecutive public highway-rail crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded.

Proposed MCL 462.318

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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