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Senate Bill 645 (as reported without amendment)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to do the following:

- -- Allow a public school academy (PSA), urban high school, or a school of excellence, during the 2022-2023 school year only, to give enrollment priority to a child to whom certain conditions applied.
- -- Allow a strict discipline academy to grant a child enrollment priority for the 2022-2023 school year only, if the child's parent or legal guardian signed a written confirmation acknowledging that the child would receive enrollment priority only for that year, and if the child met the conditions prescribed in the bill.

MCL 380.504 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Dana Adams

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill likely would have no fiscal impact on the State. To the extent PSAs enrolled more students than they would have absent the changes proposed in the bill, and if those students otherwise would have enrolled in local school districts, the PSAs would see a net gain in revenue and the local school districts would see a decline in revenue. However, the extent to which this would occur is unknown.

The overall statewide pool of students likely would not change, hence the lack of impact on the State. The only instance in which this would not be the case would be if a student, without the enrollment priority proposed under the bill, chose instead to enroll in a nonpublic school. In that case, the State would see reduced costs (as the student shifted out of the PSA and into a nonpublic school).

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