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Senate Bill 109 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Families, Seniors, and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to work with providers of automatic teller machine (ATM) services, to create and implement a program or method of blocking access to cash benefits from Michigan Bridge Cards at ATMs located in casinos or casino enterprises.

If the DHS required a Federal waiver to implement these provisions, the Department would have to apply for that waiver immediately upon the bill's enactment.

"Casino" and "casino enterprise" would mean those terms as defined in the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act. (That Act defines "casino" as a building in which gaming is conducted. "Casino enterprise" means the buildings, facilities, or rooms functionally or physically connected to a casino, including any bar, restaurant, hotel, retail establishment, or arena or any other facility located in a city under the control of a casino licensee or affiliated company.)

Proposed MCL 400.57v

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FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department of Human Services, the cost to implement a program that would block access to cash benefits at ATM casinos would be minimal. The actual cost would depend, in part, on the State's success in obtaining the information needed to correctly program the ATMs. The bill would have no fiscal impact on local governments.

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