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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4716 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Peter J. Lucido
House Committee: Law and Justice
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the juvenile code to allow a court to terminate a parent's parental rights to a child if the parent were convicted of knowingly performing a female genital mutilation operation on a minor or transporting a minor from the State for that purpose, in violation of Section 136 or 136a of the Michigan Penal Code (or a substantially similar Federal law or law of another state), and the court determined that termination was in the child's best interest because continuing the parent-child relationship would be harmful to the child.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bills 4636 and 4637 (Public Acts 68 and 69 of 2017). (House Bills 4636 and 4637 enacted Sections 136 and 136a of the Michigan Penal Code, and will take effect on October 9, 2017.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could have a negative fiscal impact on State and local government if the number of children entering the foster care system rose. Placement and treatment for foster care are funded through the Federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services, and county governments. The payer for the care of a youth depends on various eligibility factors and removal circumstances, so the increased cost responsibility would depend on case-by-case factors.

In addition, if the bill led to an increase in hearings to terminate parental rights, it would increase resource demands on local court systems.

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