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Counties, municipalities critical of binding arbitration bills

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Binding arbitration bills on the move in Lansing are being criticized by local governments for expanding the reach of state law and failing to make needed reforms.

House Bill 6154, sponsored by Fred Miller, D-Mount Clemens, would provide for compulsory arbitration by county corrections officers, while Senate Bill 1072, sponsored by Randy Richardville, R-Frenchtown Township, would amend Public Act 312 of 1969, which mandates binding arbitration for police and fire union contract disputes with communities.

Both bills were approved last week by the House Labor Committee.

The **Michigan Association of Counties** said the bills would add to the price of gov citing the House bill's expansion of binding arbitration to county jail employees and th bill's including of civilian 911 dispatchers in arbitration, an inclusion that the bill spon: inadvertent.

The **Michigan Municipal League** also criticizes the PA 312 legislation as being a "t reform" and lacking key components that include: Defining a community's "ability to award, and requiring ability to pay to be the top consideration for an arbitrator, inste

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the considerations as specified in current law, said Samantha Harkins, legislative ass
 “We think it should be the first and foremost consideration,” she said. And, Harkins a
 they look at ability to pay and they say no, that should be the end of the discussion.”

Richardville said the ability to pay issue is a stickler that would have prevented move
 PA 312 changes and he said the legislation makes some good changes, like setting a
 time frame in which arbitration hearings must conclude and establishing training req
 for arbitrators to serve as the chair of an arbitration panel.

He said that other than 911 dispatchers, he is aware of only one other specific situati
 involving Brighton Township, in which his bill would expand PA 312.

Richardville said concerns being raised about bill language and ability to pay provisio
 attempt to jettison his bill.

But Harkins said that’s not the case. She said the league has been consistent and lon
 about its concerns that ability to pay be included in any PA 312 reforms, and Senate-
 language that expands the list of entities covered by PA 312 is broader than the bill's
 version, upon which the League testified.

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