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House Bill 4600 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Edward Gaffney

House Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to prohibit a person issued a level two graduated driver licensing status from transporting more than one passenger under age 21, other than family members, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The bill specifies that this provision could be enforced only as a secondary action when the driver had been detained for a suspected violation of another section of the Code.

(A person who is at least 16 may be issued a level two status if he or she has satisfied the following conditions:

- Has had a level one status for at least six months.
- Has successfully completed segment two of a driver education course.
- Has not incurred a moving violation resulting in a conviction or civil infraction determination or been in an accident involving a moving violation within 90 days immediately before applying for level two status.
- Has presented certification by his or her parent or guardian that he or she has accumulated at least 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience, including at least 10 nighttime hours, with a parent, legal guardian, or other licensed driver over 21.
- Has successfully completed a performance road test.

A person issued a level two status must remain at level two for at least six months and may not drive between midnight and 5:00 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or other licensed driver over 21, or except when going to or from employment.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the State and local units of government. Enforcement costs and fine revenue would depend on the number of violations.

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