Bill awaits governor's signature

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A bill designed to prevent the de-mise of central business districts and

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sture.
Passed by the Michigan Senate and seemed by the Michigan Senate and those of Representative recently. In bill would permit every city, village and township in the size of state and township in the state to establish a "flowmound development authority" to help 'our cities (in pulling themselves up by their bootstraps." asys the bill's sponare. State Sen. Harry A DeMaso (R-Battle Creek). A key section of the bill would allow downsom development authorities to key at and up to two mills in cities of less than one million persons (up to one mill in cities of more than a million).

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A SECOND provision of the DeMaso bill would also restrict the use of tax revenues from property in a down-town development area to the im-provement of public properties within

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UNDER THE DeMaso proposal, a
downtown development authority
would be composed of nine citizens, including the mayor, city manager or
township supervisor as chief executive officer of the manicipality, ties
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has more than 100 persons living in it.

Chief among the development autority's dates in the responsibility
for planning the restoration or reconstruction of public facilities within the
downsown district and for building
any necessary new public utilities.

All development plans and methods
of financing the authority, including
the organization's tax keyy for budgcary purposes, and the creation of a
specific downsown development
strict must first be approved by the
local governing body—the city council
or the township board.

Child care available

A supervised child care play center will be available to the children of stu-dents at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College during

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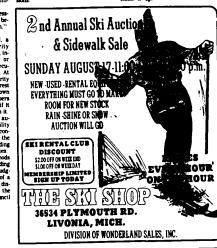
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mendments proposed by the House.
is expected the bill will go to the
management office for his signature this

legislation and will probably sign it into law.

Although the DeMaso proposal never encountered much organized opnever encountered much organised op-position, some legislators and lob-byists for business interests expressed doubt about the bill's financial provi-

"DETROIT IS more than just down-town." said Rep. William Bryant (R. Grosse Poiste Farms), the GOP floor leader in the Hoose. "We wast to make sure there are adequate protections in the determina-tion of what the improvements would be and how they would be funded," be added.

may spend its money," explained Don-ald Booth of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce. "We tried to bring some good business thinking (to the bill) to







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