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Comment:
As a longtime Plaintiff's attorney in Michigan, I often sue schools and other governmental entities. The use of this court rule now is often to simply drag out litigation to increase the time, effort and costs of already almost insurmountable odds for regular people seeking to hold government accountable. Our current governmental immunity statute makes suits against any state or local agency almost impossible to even file, let alone win. There is no crisis of lawsuits against the government in Michigan, and never has been in the 30 years I have practiced here. Liability for such defendants is very rare, and giving them an automatic stay and right to appeal serves no substantive purpose other than to induce "the little guys" to give up.