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Senate Bill 552 (as reported without amendment)  
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**RATIONALE**

The Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network is a clearinghouse for receiving and distributing information on organized crime activities in an eight-state area. The United States Department of Justice reportedly has been funding the network's operations for the last nine years and is expected to continue doing so. According to the State Police, Michigan is the only state in the area covered by the network whose law enforcement agencies are not authorized to supply information to and maintain files supplied by the network. Some people believe that the State's law enforcement agencies should be given that authorization.

- Created by an act of the legislature of the state in which it is located and by the Michigan Legislature.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

**ARGUMENTS****Supporting Argument**

The sharing of information between states can be an effective tool in battling organized crime activities. The Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network facilitates the sharing of such information and represents a cooperative effort between the law enforcement agencies of seven other states. Although the network has been funded in recent years by the Federal government, Michigan's law enforcement agencies still do not have the necessary statutory authorization to participate in the network's interstate cooperative efforts. Since the sharing of information on organized crime activities can be valuable in law enforcement both in Michigan and in neighboring states, Michigan should participate in the network.

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 201 of 1980, which regulates the maintenance and supplying of information by law enforcement agencies to interstate law enforcement intelligence organizations, to allow Michigan law enforcement agencies to supply information to, or maintain files supplied by, the Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network.

Currently, the Act allows such sharing of information with an interstate law enforcement intelligence organization that is any of the following:

- The El Paso Intelligence Center.
- Established by an act of Congress.
- Established within a Federal investigative agency, if membership has the Governor's concurrence.

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