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INTERNET CRIMES: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, GAMBLING

House Bill 5348
Sponsor: Rep. Frank Fitzgerald
Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5348 AS INTRODUCED 11-4-97

The bill would add a new section to the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit and make it a felony to use the Internet to disseminate child pornography or to gamble. A first offense would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to two years and/or a fine of up to \$2,000; second and subsequent offenses would be punishable by imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of up to \$5,000. The bill would not prohibit someone from being charged, convicted of, or punished for any other illegal activity (including the underlying offense) in the course of violating the bill's provisions. Any term of imprisonment imposed under the bill could be served consecutively to, and preceding, any term of imprisonment imposed for conviction of the underlying offense. Finally, the bill would define "Internet" to mean "a worldwide interconnection of individual computers and computer networks and the facilities and equipment used to access those interconnected networks."

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