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INCREASE PENALTIES FOR SOLICITING MINORS

House Bill 5032

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Sponsor: Rep. Mike Kowall

Committee: Criminal Justice

Complete to 8-30-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5032 AND 5033 AS INTRODUCED 7-12-01

Currently, it is a misdemeanor offense to accost, entice, or solicit a child less than 16 years of age with the intent to induce or force that child (or encourage the child) to commit an immoral act, to submit to an act of sexual intercourse or act of gross indecency, or to engage in any other act of depravity or delinquency. House Bill 5032 would amend the Michigan Penal Code (750.145a) to make this crime a felony punishable by up to four years imprisonment (instead of one year or less in a county jail) or pay a fine of not more than \$2,000, or both.

House Bill 5033 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (MCL 777.16g) to specify that soliciting a child to commit an immoral act would be a Class F felony against a person, with a four-year maximum sentence of imprisonment. The bill also contains several technical corrections to citations that pertain to the maximum terms of imprisonment for first-, second-, and third-degree child abuse. The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5032.

House Bills 5032 and 5033 (8-30-01)

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