

Fiscal Analysis

EXPAND DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4468 as introduced**, Rep. William VanRegenmorter
HOUSE BILL 4469 as introduced, Rep. Mike Nofs

House Committee Criminal Justice

Analysis

Summary

House Bill 4468 would amend the Michigan Penal Code with regard to the elements of the offense of first-degree child abuse. At present, the offense is limited to knowingly or intentionally causing serious harm to a child. The bill would extend the offense to include the knowing or intentional commission of an act that caused such harm.

House Bill 4469 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to update sentencing guidelines references to child abuse offenses.

Fiscal Impact

House Bill 4468's fiscal impact on the state and local units of government would depend on how it affected prosecutorial charging practices, the numbers of convictions obtained for first-degree child abuse and related offenses, and the penalties imposed for those convictions. There are no data to indicate how many offenses might meet the bill's revised definition of first-degree child abuse. House Bill 4469 would have no direct fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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