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House Bill 4937 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative David Law
House Committee: Judiciary
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that in a criminal case in which a defendant was accused of committing an offense for which registration is required under the Sex Offenders Registration Act against a minor (an individual under 18 years old), evidence that the defendant committed another such offense against a minor would be admissible and could be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it was relevant.

If the prosecuting attorney intended to offer evidence under this provision, he or she would have to disclose it to the defendant at least 15 days before the scheduled trial date or at a later time allowed by the court for good cause shown, including the statements of witnesses or a summary of the substance of any testimony expected to be offered.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2006.

Proposed MCL 768.27a

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

To the extent that allowing the admission of certain prior offenses as evidence would increase the conviction rate for additional crimes, the bill could increase local and State criminal justice costs.

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