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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 491

Sponsor: Senator Robert Geake

Committee: Judiciary

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 491 as introduced 10-8-87:

The bill would amend Public Act 33 of 1978 to provide that a person would be guilty of displaying obscene matter to a minor if the person had managerial responsibility for a business selling visual matter that depicted sexual intercourse or sadomasochistic abuse, if the matter were displayed or sold in a general sales area of the business.

Currently, under the Act, a person is guilty of displaying obscene matter to a minor if the person had managerial responsibility for a business selling such visual matter, and knowingly permitted a minor not accompanied by a parent or guardian to examine the matter. The bill would not change this provision.

The bill would not apply to matter displayed or sold from behind a sales counter or some other area of the business that was not accessible to minors.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 490, which would create a new act to prohibit the sale or rental of video reproduction unless the official rating of the motion picture were displayed on the outside of the cassette or cover of the video.

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Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Fiscal Analyst: B. Bowerman

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