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MCGRUFF HOUSE/CHILD WATCH

House Bill 4510
Sponsor: Rep. Bill Martin
Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4510 AS INTRODUCED 3-11-91

The bill would amend Public Act 32 of 1989, which provided for a "McGruff house/child watch" program administered by the state police. Under the act, a neighborhood safe house (that is, a neighborhood home where children can seek emergency help) would be designated by a standard sign and occupied by a responsible adult who had passed a background check conducted by the local law enforcement agency. Symbols being used by safe house programs when the act took effect on May 26, 1989 may continue to be used for two years after that date.

The bill would amend the act to explicitly provide for the use of either the standard McGruff House symbol or the standard Michigan Child Watch symbol. Various references to "McGruff/child watch" throughout the act would be replaced with specific references to both the McGruff House program and the Michigan Child Watch, Inc. program. A local sponsor (which may be a law enforcement agency, school district, or nonprofit organization) could choose either program. The bill would delete language that requires a standard sign approved by the state police to be one that is easily seen from a distance and not easily reproduced.

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