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CHILD PORN: FILM PROCESSORS

House Bill 5142

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5142 AS INTRODUCED 10-19-93

The bill would amend the portion of the Michigan Penal Code dealing with "child sexually abusive material" (that is, child pornography) to do the following:

-- require commercial film processors to report suspected child pornography to the local prosecutor. The processor would have to make an immediate oral report, plus submit a written report within 72 hours; the written report would have to include a copy of the suspected pornography. The processor would deal with the original photographic materials as instructed by the prosecutor. It would be a misdemeanor for a processor to fail to report as required.

-- amend the definition of "erotic nudity" (which figures in the definition of "child sexually abusive material") to refer to the "lewd exhibition," rather than the "display" of certain body parts, and to include rectal areas among those body parts.

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