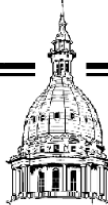




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House Bill 5629 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 5630 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 5631 (Substitute H-3 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 5632 (Substitute H-3 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 5633 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 5634 (Substitute H-4 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Alan Cropsey (H.B. 5629)  
Representative Allen Lowe (H.B. 5630)  
Representative Gerald Law (H.B. 5631)  
Representative Lloyd Weeks (H.B. 5632)  
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House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

Senate Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

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## **CONTENT**

### **The bills would amend various statutes to consolidate provisions concerning child support in the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act.**

House Bills 5629 (H-2) through 5633 (H-2) would amend various acts to delete provisions that allow the court to order child support in an amount determined by the child support formula or an amount that deviates from the formula under specified circumstances; require a parent to inform the Friend of the Court of his or her sources of income and available health care coverage; and require parents to maintain health care coverage for their children. In addition, the bills would require that any conflicts between the provisions contained in the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act and the provisions of the acts amended by the bills concerning the contents or enforcement of a support order would be controlled by the specific acts.

Further, the bills would repeal sections of the acts that specify the conditions under which a support order may require the provision of support for a child who has passed the age of 18 years.

House Bill 5629 (H-2) would amend the Family Support Act, House Bill 5630 (H-2) would amend the emancipation of minors Act, House Bill 5631 (H-3) would amend the Child Custody Act, House Bill 5632 (H-3) would amend the Paternity Act, House Bill 5633 (H-2) would amend Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, entitled "Of divorce". The bills are tie-barred to House Bill 5634.

House Bill 5634 (H-4) would amend the Support and Parenting Time Act to incorporate the provisions that would be deleted from the other acts by House Bills 5629 (H-2) to 5633 (H-2). The bill, therefore, would establish accepted reasons for deviating from the child support formula, the conditions under which parents could be required to maintain health care coverage for their minor children, and the conditions under which parents could be ordered to provide child support for children over 18 years of age.

The bill also would add the Paternity Act to the list of applicable laws under which the circuit court may take enforcement action, and provides that if there were conflicts between the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act and any other acts concerning the contents or enforcement of a support order, the other act would control.

The bill would take effect January 1, 1997.

House Bill 5634 (H-4) is tie-barred to House Bills 5629-5633 and to House Bill 5627, which would require the Office of the Friend of the Court to use electronic means to receive, record, and disburse support payments; House Bill 5628, which would require the Friend of the Court to develop and recommend a formula to be used in establishing and modifying spousal support amounts; House Bill 5635, which would require premarital counseling or education to receive a marriage license; and House Bill 5637, which would enact the "Parenting Plan Act".

MCL 552.452 (H.B. 5629)

722.3 (H.B. 5630)

722.27 (H.B. 5631)

722.717 et al. (H.B. 5632)

552.15 et al. (H.B. 5633)

552.627 et al. (H.B. 5634)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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