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Senate Bill 939 (as introduced 12-11-01)  
Sponsor: Senator John J. H. Schwarz, M.D.  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit obtaining or possessing a blueprint, evacuation plan, or other diagram or description of a public building, or engaging in surveillance of a public building, for the purpose of committing a felony with the intent to do any of the following:

- Intimidate or coerce a civilian population of Michigan or of a Michigan local unit of government.
- Influence the policy of the State or a local unit by intimidation or coercion.
- Affect the conduct of the State or a local unit by murder, assassination, or kidnapping.

A violation of the bill would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for life or any term of years, a maximum fine of \$20,000, or both. If the violation caused the death of any individual, the violator would have to be imprisoned for life without the opportunity for parole and could be fined up to \$50,000.

"Public building" would include both of the following:

- A building owned or operated by Federal, State, or local government or by a public university.
- A privately owned building, enclosure, or other facility, all or part of which was regularly open to the public.

Proposed MCL 750.411t

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bill 939 would have an indeterminate impact on State government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of a violation. A convicted offender would be subject to up to life in prison. The State would incur the cost of incarceration at an average annual cost of \$25,000 per prisoner.

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