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Senate Bill 942 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit a person from using the Internet or a telecommunications device or system or other electronic device or system not subject to Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations to disrupt the functions of the public safety, educational, commercial, or governmental operations within Michigan with the intent to commit an offense prohibited under the proposed "Michigan Anti-Terrorism Act" (which Senate Bill 930 would create). A violation would be a felony punishable by up to 20 years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$20,000. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 930.

"Internet" would mean that term as defined elsewhere in the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.145d) and in the Federal Communications Act (47 USC 230).

"Electronic device" would mean any instrument, equipment, or device having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities. "Electronic system" would include, but would not be limited to, a computer system or computer network, digital broadcast system, or satellite network. "Telecommunications device" would mean that term as defined elsewhere in the Penal Code (MCL 750.540c): any instrument, equipment, machine, or device that facilitates telecommunications, including a computer, computer chip or circuit, telephone, cellular telephone, pager, personal communications device, transponder, receiver, radio, modem or device that enables use of a modem, cables, converters, decoders, descramblers, satellite equipment, or other devices and equipment.

Proposed MCL 750.543p

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on Senate Bill 930 (S-2).

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