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Senate Bill 314 (as introduced 3-16-05)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require a driver who was transporting a child under four to position the child in a child restraint system behind the driver; and to remove an exemption for nursing children from child restraint requirements.

Under the Code, a driver transporting a child under four years of age in a motor vehicle must properly secure that child in a child restraint system that meets the standards prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 571.213). Children being nursed are exempt from this requirement. Under the bill, all children under four would have to be properly secured in a child restraint system, and the system would have to be positioned in a seat located behind the driver, if the vehicle were equipped with such a seat.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could result in additional revenue to the State and local units of government. To the extent that there would be increased violations, the bill would result in additional fine revenue, courts costs, and Justice System Fund Assessments. Fine revenue from civil infractions under the Michigan Vehicle Code would be allocated to public libraries. Fines resulting from citations for violations of corresponding local ordinances are shared between the local unit of government and the court funding unit.

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