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BILL



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5461 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Deb Shaughnessy

House Committee: Commerce

Senate Committee: Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing

CONTENT

The bill would amend the sentencing guidelines in the Code of Criminal Procedure to categorize an unemployment compensation fraud offense as a Class H felony against property subject to a statutory maximum of one year's imprisonment. This would apply to violations in which a person obtains or withholds an amount of unemployment benefits or payments exceeding \$3,500 but less than \$25,000 as a result of a knowing false statement or representation or the knowing and willful failure to disclose a material fact.

(That penalty is prescribed in the Michigan Employment Security Act. The violations in question were designated as felonies by Public Act 269 of 2011.)

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Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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