



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4641 (Substitute S-1 as reported) Sponsor: Representative Stephanie Chang

House Committee: Law and Justice

Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow an individual who, while a minor, was a victim of female genital mutilation to bring an action for damages sustained because of the female genital mutilation at any time before she reached 28 years of age.

"Female genital mutilation would mean conduct that is a violation of Section 136 of the Michigan Penal Code, or, if it were to occur in the State, would be a violation of Section 136 of the Code.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 337 and House Bill 4661. (Senate Bill 337 would add Section 136 to the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit a person from knowingly performing a surgical operation to circumcise, incise, excise, or infibulate all or any part of the labia majora, labia minora, clitoris, or contiguously surrounding tissue of a person under 18 years of age. House Bill 4661 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow a victim of female genital mutilation to bring an action for damages sustained because of the offense.)

Proposed MCL 600.5851a Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Date Completed: 6-15-17 Fiscal Analyst: Ryan Bergan