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House Bill 4383 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Sara Cambensy

House Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit a person from intentionally using his or her professional position of authority over another person to prevent or attempt to prevent that person from reporting certain crimes.

Specifically, a person who intentionally used his or her professional position of authority over another person to prevent or attempt to prevent that person from reporting a violation of Section 136b, Sections 520b to 520e, or Section 520g (those sections prescribe the offenses of child abuse, criminal sexual conduct (CSC) in the first-, second-, third-, and fourth-degree, and assault with intent to commit second-degree CSC or CSC involving sexual penetration, respectively) to a Title IX coordinator at a postsecondary educational institution would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or a maximum fine of \$1,000, or both.

MCL 750.478b Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a negative fiscal impact on State and local government. New misdemeanor arrests and convictions under the bill could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, and jails. However, it is unknown how many people would be prosecuted under the bill's provisions. Any additional revenue from imposed fines would go to local libraries.

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