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Senate Bill 120 (as introduced 1-27-99)

Sponsor: Senator Glenn D. Steil

Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit a person from obtaining or attempting to obtain "personal identity information" of another person with the intent to use that information, without the person's authorization, to do any of the following:

- Obtain financial credit.
- Purchase or otherwise obtain or lease any real or personal property.
- Obtain employment.
- Obtain access to medical records or information contained in medical records.
- Commit any illegal act.

A violation of the bill would be a felony, punishable by up to four years' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$2,000, or both.

The bill would not prohibit an offender from being charged with, convicted of, or sentenced for any other violation of law committed by that person using information obtained in violation of the bill.

"Personal identity information" would mean any of the following information of another person:

- A Social Security number.
- A driver's license number or State personal identification card number.
- Employment information.
- Information regarding any financial account held by another person including, but not limited to, a saving or checking account number, a financial transaction device account number, a stock or other security certificate or account number, and a personal information number for any of those accounts.

Proposed MCL 750.285

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bill 120 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government.

There are no data to indicate how many people could be convicted of obtaining personal identity information of another person for the prohibited purposes enumerated in the bill. The bill would make these acts a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of four years and/or a fine of \$2,000. The minimum sentence, which is indicative of the cost of incarceration, is not specified, so that the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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