

Legislative Analysis



CHILD NEGLECT: INCLUDE THREATENED HARM

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House Bill 4640 as reported from second committee

Sponsor: Rep. Annette Glenn

1st Committee: Families, Children and Seniors

2nd Committee: Rules and Competitiveness

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4640 would amend the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Act to modify the term *neglect*, as it is used in the act, to include threatened harm as well as harm.

The act currently defines *neglect* as harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare that occurs through negligent treatment, including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care although financially able to do so or the failure to seek financial or other reasonable means to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

The bill would modify this definition to include *threatened* harm to a child's health or welfare through negligent treatment as described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Stacy Swimp Evangelistic Association testified in support of the bill. (2-10-22)

The following entities indicated opposition to the bill:

- State Bar of Michigan Family Law Section (6-17-22)
- Citizens for Parental Rights (5-18-21)

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