

# Legislative Analysis



## HEARSAY TESTIMONY IN CERTAIN HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR PROSTITUTION PROSECUTIONS

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**House Bill 4214 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Mike Mueller**  
**Committee: Judiciary**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4214 would amend Chapter VIII (Trials) of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Among other things, Chapter VIII establishes the criteria a statement made by a declarant must meet to be admissible as evidence in an action involving an offense of domestic violence. The bill would apply the criteria listed to an action involving prostitution or human trafficking.<sup>1</sup>

*Human trafficking* would mean a violation of Chapter LXVIA of the Michigan Penal Code.

*Prostitution* would mean a violation of Chapter LXVII of the Michigan Penal Code.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4214 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently, the code specifies that section 27c, which the bill would amend, applies to trials and evidentiary hearings commenced or in progress on or after May 1, 2006 (the date section 27c became law). As the bill is currently written, it is potentially unclear whether this provision would serve to apply the bill's provisions retroactively to actions involving an offense of human trafficking or prostitution that began on or after May 1, 2006, or the bill would apply only to such actions beginning on or after the date the bill takes effect.