Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6572

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STATE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS ONLINE SEXUAL

Title: EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OF MINORS.

Vote Date: 3/2/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Children.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill establishes a police sting unit to address online sexual harassment and abuse of minors.

This bill which establishes a police sting unit dedicated to online sexual abuse of minors will work to seek and prevent any criminal or potential criminal activity conducted online. This bill will create a system in which police can work and administer a reporting system between sting units. HB 6572 seeks to protect and minors on the internet who may get in contact with those who wish them harm by seeking out those who would conduct such a crime.

S language of bill establishes and reinforces that bill does <u>not</u> establish a sting operation but instead creates an investigative task force that will assist with local municipalities in investigations and does not create an "undercover" police force. This investigative task force is in-line or similar with other joint investigative task forces.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

See Original Committee on Children Joint Favorable Report

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

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NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

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