Hearings probe need for domestic violence legislation

A state Senate committee will study domestic violence in a pub-lic hearing Monday in Farming-ton Hills.

"Domestic violence has affected many lives and destroyed many families," said Sen. William Van-Regenmorter, R.Jenison, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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Other panel members are Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, John Claky, R-Saginaw, John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe, and Virgil Smith, D-Detroit. All are either lawyers or former law enforcement offi-

or former law enforcement offi-cers.

Van Regenmorter is sponsor of a bill that would require courts to provide free forms to victims of domestic violence so that they ob-

tain injunctions against abusive spouses.

The thrust of 14 legislative bills is to push police and prosecutors to give more serious treatment to domestic violence complaints, not only by spouses but by other family members.

Copies of bills and analyses of their impacts will be available. The bills are:

HB 4308 — limits the number of dismissals of assault charges against a spouse or ex spouse.

HB 4355 — increases penaltics for domestic violence.

HB 4358 — requires prosecutors to proceed with criminal contempt hearings in domestic violence.

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HB 4350 — requires prosecutors to proceed with criminal contempt hearings in domestic violence cases.

HB 4350 — requires police agencies to establish "preferred or pro arreat" policies for domestic

lence cases on the basis of information and belief.

E HB 4382 — allows arrest without a warrant of persons who violate injunctions involving domestic relations.

E HB 4397 — requires notice of availability of injunctions to protect victims of domestic violence.

E HB 4515 — revises procedures for issuing peace bonds.

E SB 487 — requires use of standard report for incidents of domestic violence and injuries, provides for entry into LEIN (law enforcement information network) and provides for imposing an assessment on those convicted of domestic violence.

E SB 482 — requires law enforcement officer to cover standard information items in domestic violence mediotate. lence incidents.

violence cases.

HB 4361 — allows issuance of an arrest warrant in domestic violence cases on the basis of information and belief.

■ SB 812 — require use of standard report by law enforcement injury cases.



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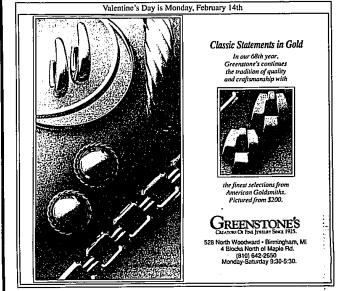
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