

# SENATE BILL No. 224

February 27, 2003, Introduced by Senator GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to designate the fourth Friday in April of each year as children's memorial day in the state of Michigan.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the great number of  
2 tragic deaths of children of all ages from all causes that occur  
3 each year. Each day in America many children and youths under  
4 age 20 commit suicide, are victims of a homicide, or die as a  
5 result of accidents. Many more children die from illness. In  
6 commemoration of this terrible toll, the legislature declares  
7 that the fourth Friday in April of each year shall be known as  
8 "Children's Memorial Day".

9       (2) The legislature encourages individuals, educational  
10 institutions, and social, community, religious, labor, and  
11 business organizations to pause on children's memorial day and  
12 reflect upon the precious resource that our children constitute

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1 and the great loss we suffer when we lose our children.