

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 334**

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled  
"Child protection law,"  
by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 722.622 and 722.623), section 2  
as amended by 2014 PA 30 and section 3 as amended by 2014 PA 344.

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

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Adult foster care location authorized to care for a  
3 child" means an adult foster care family home or adult foster care  
4 small group home as defined in section 3 of the adult foster care  
5 facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.703, in which a child  
6 is placed in accordance with section 5 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.115.

7       (b) "Attorney" means, if appointed to represent a child under  
8 the provisions referenced in section 10, an attorney serving as the  
9 child's legal advocate in the manner defined and described in

1 section 13a of chapter XIIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA  
2 288, MCL 712A.13a.

3 (c) "Central registry" means the system maintained at the  
4 department that is used to keep a record of all reports filed with  
5 the department under this act in which relevant and accurate  
6 evidence of child abuse or child neglect is found to exist.

7 (d) "Central registry case" means a child protective services  
8 case that the department classifies under sections 8 and 8d as  
9 category I or category II. For a child protective services case  
10 that was investigated before July 1, 1999, central registry case  
11 means an allegation of child abuse or child neglect that the  
12 department substantiated.

13 (E) **"CENTRALIZED INTAKE" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEWIDE**  
14 **CENTRALIZED PROCESSING CENTER FOR REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE**  
15 **AND CHILD NEGLECT.**

16 (F) ~~(e)~~ "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

17 (G) ~~(f)~~ "Child abuse" means harm or threatened harm to a  
18 child's health or welfare that occurs through nonaccidental  
19 physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or  
20 maltreatment, by a parent, a legal guardian, or any other person  
21 responsible for the child's health or welfare or by a teacher, a  
22 teacher's aide, or a member of the clergy.

23 (H) ~~(g)~~ "Child care organization" means that term as defined  
24 in section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.

25 (I) ~~(h)~~ "Child care provider" means an owner, operator,  
26 employee, or volunteer of a child care organization or of an adult  
27 foster care location authorized to care for a child.

1           (J) ~~(i)~~—"Child care regulatory agency" means the department **OF**  
2 **LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS** or a successor state department  
3 that is responsible for the licensing or registration of child care  
4 organizations or the licensing of adult foster care locations  
5 authorized to care for a child.

6           (K) ~~(j)~~—"Child neglect" means harm or threatened harm to a  
7 child's health or welfare by a parent, legal guardian, or any other  
8 person responsible for the child's health or welfare that occurs  
9 through either of the following:

10           (i) Negligent treatment, including the failure to provide  
11 adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

12           (ii) Placing a child at an unreasonable risk to the child's  
13 health or welfare by failure of the parent, legal guardian, or  
14 other person responsible for the child's health or welfare to  
15 intervene to eliminate that risk when that person is able to do so  
16 and has, or should have, knowledge of the risk.

17           (L) ~~(k)~~—"Citizen review panel" means a panel established as  
18 required by section 106 of title I of the child abuse prevention  
19 and treatment act, 42 USC 5106a.

20           (M) ~~(l)~~—"Member of the clergy" means a priest, minister,  
21 rabbi, Christian science practitioner, or other religious  
22 practitioner, or similar functionary of a church, temple, or  
23 recognized religious body, denomination, or organization.

24           (N) ~~(m)~~—"Controlled substance" means that term as defined in  
25 section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

26           (O) ~~(n)~~—"CPSI system" means the child protective service  
27 information system, which is an internal data system maintained

1 within and by the department, and which is separate from the  
2 central registry and not subject to section 7.

3 (P) ~~(e)~~—"Department" means the department of **HEALTH AND** human  
4 services.

5 (Q) ~~(p)~~—"Director" means the director of the department.

6 (R) ~~(q)~~—"Expunge" means to physically remove or eliminate and  
7 destroy a record or report.

8 (S) ~~(r)~~—"Lawyer-guardian ad litem" means an attorney appointed  
9 under section 10 who has the powers and duties referenced by  
10 section 10.

11 (T) ~~(s)~~—"Local office file" means the system used to keep a  
12 record of a written report, document, or photograph filed with and  
13 maintained by a county or a regionally based office of the  
14 department.

15 (U) ~~(t)~~—"Nonparent adult" means a person who is 18 years of  
16 age or older and who, regardless of the person's domicile, meets  
17 all of the following criteria in relation to a child:

18 (i) Has substantial and regular contact with the child.

19 (ii) Has a close personal relationship with the child's parent  
20 or with a person responsible for the child's health or welfare.

21 (iii) Is not the child's parent or a person otherwise related  
22 to the child by blood or affinity to the third degree.

23 (V) **"ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM" MEANS THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM**  
24 **ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION**  
25 **3(1) TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR CHILD NEGLECT.**

26 (W) ~~(u)~~—"Person responsible for the child's health or welfare"  
27 means a parent, legal guardian, person 18 years of age or older who

1 resides for any length of time in the same home in which the child  
2 resides, or, except when used in section 7(2)(e) or 8(8), nonparent  
3 adult; or an owner, operator, volunteer, or employee of 1 or more  
4 of the following:

5 (i) A licensed or registered child care organization.

6 (ii) A licensed or unlicensed adult foster care family home or  
7 adult foster care small group home as defined in section 3 of the  
8 adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.703.

9 (iii) A court-operated facility as approved under section 14  
10 of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.14.

11 (X) ~~(v)~~—"Relevant evidence" means evidence having a tendency  
12 to make the existence of a fact that is at issue more probable than  
13 it would be without the evidence.

14 (Y) ~~(w)~~—"Sexual abuse" means engaging in sexual contact or  
15 sexual penetration as those terms are defined in section 520a of  
16 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520a, with a child.

17 (Z) ~~(x)~~—"Sexual exploitation" includes allowing, permitting,  
18 or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution, or allowing,  
19 permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the photographing, filming,  
20 or depicting of a child engaged in a listed sexual act as defined  
21 in section 145c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
22 750.145c.

23 (AA) ~~(y)~~—"Specified information" means information in a  
24 children's protective services case record related specifically to  
25 the department's actions in responding to a complaint of child  
26 abuse or child neglect. Specified information does not include any  
27 of the following:

1           (i) Except as provided in this subparagraph regarding a  
2 perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect, personal  
3 identification information for any individual identified in a child  
4 protective services record. The exclusion of personal  
5 identification information as specified information prescribed by  
6 this subparagraph does not include personal identification  
7 information identifying an individual alleged to have perpetrated  
8 child abuse or child neglect, which allegation has been classified  
9 as a central registry case.

10           (ii) Information in a law enforcement report as provided in  
11 section 7(8).

12           (iii) Any other information that is specifically designated as  
13 confidential under other law.

14           (iv) Any information not related to the department's actions  
15 in responding to a report of child abuse or child neglect.

16           **(BB)** ~~(z)~~ "Structured decision-making tool" means the  
17 department document labeled "DSS-4752 (P3) (3-95)" or a revision of  
18 that document that better measures the risk of future harm to a  
19 child.

20           **(CC)** ~~(aa)~~ "Substantiated" means a child protective services  
21 case classified as a central registry case.

22           **(DD)** ~~(bb)~~ "Unsubstantiated" means a child protective services  
23 case the department classifies under sections 8 and 8d as category  
24 III, category IV, or category V.

25           Sec. 3. (1) An individual is required to report under this act  
26 as follows:

27           (a) A physician, dentist, physician's assistant, registered

1 dental hygienist, medical examiner, nurse, person licensed to  
2 provide emergency medical care, audiologist, psychologist, marriage  
3 and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, social  
4 worker, licensed master's social worker, licensed bachelor's social  
5 worker, registered social service technician, social service  
6 technician, a person employed in a professional capacity in any  
7 office of the friend of the court, school administrator, school  
8 counselor or teacher, law enforcement officer, member of the  
9 clergy, or regulated child care provider who has reasonable cause  
10 to suspect child abuse or child neglect shall make ~~immediately, by~~  
11 ~~telephone or otherwise, an oral report, or cause an oral report to~~  
12 ~~be made,~~ **AN IMMEDIATE REPORT TO CENTRALIZED INTAKE BY TELEPHONE,**  
13 **OR, IF AVAILABLE, THROUGH THE ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM,** of the  
14 suspected child abuse or child neglect. ~~to the department.~~ Within  
15 72 hours after making ~~the~~ **AN oral report BY TELEPHONE TO**  
16 **CENTRALIZED INTAKE,** the reporting person shall file a written  
17 report as required in this act. **IF THE IMMEDIATE REPORT HAS BEEN**  
18 **MADE USING THE ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM AND THAT REPORT INCLUDES THE**  
19 **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN A WRITTEN REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THAT**  
20 **REPORT IS CONSIDERED A WRITTEN REPORT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS**  
21 **SECTION AND NO ADDITIONAL WRITTEN REPORT IS REQUIRED.** If the  
22 reporting person is a member of the staff of a hospital, agency, or  
23 school, the reporting person shall notify the person in charge of  
24 the hospital, agency, or school of his or her finding and that the  
25 report has been made, and shall make a copy of the written **OR**  
26 **ELECTRONIC** report available to the person in charge. A notification  
27 to the person in charge of a hospital, agency, or school does not

1 relieve the member of the staff of the hospital, agency, or school  
2 of the obligation of reporting to the department as required by  
3 this section. One report from a hospital, agency, or school is  
4 adequate to meet the reporting requirement. A member of the staff  
5 of a hospital, agency, or school shall not be dismissed or  
6 otherwise penalized for making a report required by this act or for  
7 cooperating in an investigation.

8 (b) A department employee who is 1 of the following and has  
9 reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or child neglect shall make  
10 a report of suspected child abuse or child neglect to the  
11 department in the same manner as required under subdivision (a):

- 12 (i) Eligibility specialist.
- 13 (ii) Family independence manager.
- 14 (iii) Family independence specialist.
- 15 (iv) Social services specialist.
- 16 (v) Social work specialist.
- 17 (vi) Social work specialist manager.
- 18 (vii) Welfare services specialist.

19 (c) Any employee of an organization or entity that, as a  
20 result of federal funding statutes, regulations, or contracts,  
21 would be prohibited from reporting in the absence of a state  
22 mandate or court order. A person required to report under this  
23 subdivision shall report in the same manner as required under  
24 subdivision (a).

25 (2) The written report **OR A REPORT MADE USING THE ONLINE**  
26 **REPORTING SYSTEM** shall contain the name of the child and a  
27 description of the child abuse or child neglect. If possible, the



1 report shall contain the names and addresses of the child's  
2 parents, the child's guardian, the persons with whom the child  
3 resides, and the child's age. The report shall contain other  
4 information available to the reporting person that might establish  
5 the cause of the child abuse or child neglect, and the manner in  
6 which the child abuse or child neglect occurred.

7 (3) The department shall inform the reporting person of the  
8 required contents of the written report at the time the oral report  
9 is made by the reporting person.

10 (4) The written report required in this section shall be  
11 mailed or otherwise transmitted to ~~the county department of the~~  
12 ~~county in which the child suspected of being abused or neglected is~~  
13 ~~found.~~ **CENTRALIZED INTAKE.**

14 (5) Upon receipt of a written report of suspected child abuse  
15 or child neglect, the department may provide copies to the  
16 prosecuting attorney and the probate court of the counties in which  
17 the child suspected of being abused or neglected resides and is  
18 found.

19 (6) If an allegation, written report, or subsequent  
20 investigation of suspected child abuse or child neglect indicates a  
21 violation of sections 136b, 145c, 462a to 462h, or 520b to 520g of  
22 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, 750.145c,  
23 750.462a to 750.462h, and 750.520b to 750.520g, or section 7401c of  
24 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401c, involving  
25 methamphetamine has occurred, or if the allegation, written report,  
26 or subsequent investigation indicates that the suspected child  
27 abuse or child neglect was committed by an individual who is not a

1 person responsible for the child's health or welfare, including,  
2 but not limited to, a member of the clergy, a teacher, or a  
3 teacher's aide, the department shall transmit a copy of the  
4 allegation or written report and the results of any investigation  
5 to a law enforcement agency in the county in which the incident  
6 occurred. If an allegation, written report, or subsequent  
7 investigation indicates that the individual who committed the  
8 suspected child abuse or child neglect is a child care provider and  
9 the department believes that the report has basis in fact, the  
10 department shall, within 24 hours of completion, transmit a copy of  
11 the written report or the results of the investigation to the child  
12 care regulatory agency with authority over the child care  
13 provider's child care organization or adult foster care location  
14 authorized to care for a child.

15 (7) If a local law enforcement agency receives an allegation  
16 or written report of suspected child abuse or child neglect or  
17 discovers evidence of or receives a report of an individual  
18 allowing a child to be exposed to or to have contact with  
19 methamphetamine production, and the allegation, written report, or  
20 subsequent investigation indicates that the child abuse or child  
21 neglect or allowing a child to be exposed to or to have contact  
22 with methamphetamine production, was committed by a person  
23 responsible for the child's health or welfare, the local law  
24 enforcement agency shall refer the allegation or provide a copy of  
25 the written report and the results of any investigation to the  
26 county department of the county in which the abused or neglected  
27 child is found, as required by subsection (1)(a). If an allegation,

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1 written report, or subsequent investigation indicates that the  
2 individual who committed the suspected child abuse or child neglect  
3 or allowed a child to be exposed to or to have contact with  
4 methamphetamine production, is a child care provider and the local  
5 law enforcement agency believes that the report has basis in fact,  
6 the local law enforcement agency shall transmit a copy of the  
7 written report or the results of the investigation to the child  
8 care regulatory agency with authority over the child care  
9 provider's child care organization or adult foster care location  
10 authorized to care for a child. Nothing in this subsection or  
11 subsection (1) relieves the department of its responsibilities to  
12 investigate reports of suspected child abuse or child neglect under  
13 this act.

14 (8) For purposes of this act, the pregnancy of a child less  
15 than 12 years of age or the presence of a <<~~venereal disease~~ **SEXUALLY**  
16 **TRANSMITTED INFECTION**>> in a  
17 child who is over 1 month of age but less than 12 years of age is  
18 reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or child neglect has  
19 occurred.

20 (9) In conducting an investigation of child abuse or child  
21 neglect, if the department suspects that a child has been exposed  
22 to or has had contact with methamphetamine production, the  
23 department shall immediately contact the law enforcement agency in  
24 the county in which the incident occurred.

25 **(10) THE ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION**  
26 **SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION.**

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
after the date it is enacted into law.