

# HOUSE BILL No. 5910

March 19, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Dean, Corriveau, Clack, Hopgood, Brown, Valentine, Accavitti and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled  
"Child protection law,"  
by amending section 7j (MCL 722.627j), as amended by 2004 PA 563.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 7j. (1) Upon written request, the department may provide  
2       to an individual documentation stating that the individual is not  
3       named in a central registry case as the perpetrator of child abuse  
4       or child neglect. ~~The written request required under this section~~  
5       ~~shall include the individual's affirmation that he or she is~~  
6       ~~employed by, volunteers at, is applying for employment in, or is~~  
7       ~~seeking to volunteer in a child care center, child caring~~  
8       ~~institution, or child placing agency.~~

9       ~~(2) For the purpose of applying for employment or seeking to~~

1 ~~volunteer in a child care center, child caring institution, or~~  
2 ~~child placing agency, an~~ **AN** individual may share, **OR DIRECT THE**  
3 **DEPARTMENT TO SHARE,** the document provided in subsection (1) with  
4 ~~the child care center owner or licensee, or a child caring~~  
5 ~~institution or child placing agency, or an individual authorized by~~  
6 ~~the child care center owner or licensee, the child caring~~  
7 ~~institution, or the child placing agency~~ **WHOEVER IS APPROPRIATE FOR**  
8 **THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OR SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER.**

9 (3) The ~~family independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT** may develop an  
10 automated system that will allow an individual applying for child-  
11 related employment or seeking to volunteer in a capacity that would  
12 allow unsupervised access to a child for whom the individual is not  
13 a person responsible for that child's health or welfare to be  
14 listed in that system if a screening of the individual finds that  
15 he or she has not been named in a central registry case as the  
16 perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect. The automated system  
17 developed under this section shall provide for public access to the  
18 list of individuals who have been screened for the purposes of  
19 complying with this section. An automated system developed under  
20 this section shall have appropriate safeguards and procedures to  
21 ensure that information that is confidential under this act, state  
22 law, or federal law is not accessible or disclosed through that  
23 system.

24 (4) As used in this section, "child care center", "child  
25 caring institution", and "child placing agency" mean those terms as  
26 defined in section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.