

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4927

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 5a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 5A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23G OF CHAPTER X OF THE
2 PROBATE CODE OF 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.23G, AND SECTIONS 14E
3 AND 14F OF 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.124E AND 722.124F, THE DEPARTMENT
4 SHALL NOT TAKE AN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A CHILD PLACING AGENCY ON
5 THE BASIS THAT THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY HAS DECLINED OR WILL
6 DECLINE TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT CONFLICT WITH, OR PROVIDE SERVICES
7 UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CONFLICT WITH, THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY'S
8 SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS CONTAINED IN A WRITTEN POLICY,
9 STATEMENT OF FAITH, OR OTHER DOCUMENT ADHERED TO BY THE CHILD
10 PLACING AGENCY.

11 Enacting section 1. It is the intent of the legislature to

1 protect child placing agencies' free exercise of religion protected
2 by the United States constitution and the state constitution of
3 1963. This amendatory act is not intended to limit or deny any
4 person's right to adopt a child or participate in foster care.

5 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
6 unless all of the following bills of the 97th Legislature are
7 enacted into law:

8 (a) House Bill No. 4928.

9 (b) House Bill No. 4991.