



# HOUSE BILL No. 4147

January 17, 1995, Introduced by Rep. Freeman and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

A bill to amend section 9 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of 1975, entitled as amended "Child protection law," as amended by Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 722.629 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of  
2 1975, as amended by Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1988, being  
3 section 722.629 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 9. (1) ~~The department, in~~ IN discharging its respon-  
6 sibilities under this act, THE DEPARTMENT shall provide, directly  
7 or through the purchase of services from other agencies and  
8 professions, multidisciplinary services such as those of a

1 pediatrician, psychologist, psychiatrist, public health nurse,  
2 social worker, or attorney through the establishment of region-  
3 ally based or strategically located teams. The department shall  
4 prepare a biennial report to the legislature containing informa-  
5 tion on the activities of the teams created pursuant to this sub-  
6 section and including recommendations by the teams and the  
7 department regarding child abuse and neglect when committed by  
8 persons responsible for the child's health or welfare.

9 (2) The department shall assure a continuing education pro-  
10 gram for department, probate court, and private agency  
11 personnel. The program shall include responsibilities, obliga-  
12 tions, and powers under this act and the diagnosis and treatment  
13 of child abuse and neglect when committed by persons responsible  
14 for the child's health or welfare.

15 (3) The department shall provide for the dissemination of  
16 information to the general public with respect to the problem of  
17 child abuse and neglect in this state and the facilities, preven-  
18 tion, and treatment methods available to combat child abuse and  
19 neglect when committed by persons responsible for the child's  
20 health or welfare.

21 (4) IN PROVIDING SERVICES UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT  
22 SHALL CONSIDER A CHILD WHO HAS WITNESSED VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY  
23 VIOLENCE BY, OR DIRECTED AT, A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S  
24 HEALTH OR WELFARE, AS A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO CHILD ABUSE  
25 AND NEGLECT, AND IS, THEREFORE, ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES UNDER THIS  
26 SECTION.