

SENATE BILL No. 1112

May 3, 2012, Introduced by Senators PROOS, WARREN, BOOHER, HOPGOOD, HANSEN, BRANDENBURG, JONES, NOFS, EMMONS, WHITMER, GREGORY, ANDERSON, YOUNG and MARLEAU and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled
"Child protection law,"
(MCL 722.621 to 722.638) by adding section 12b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 12B. (1) THE TASK FORCE ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE
2 OF CHILDREN IS CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE IN
4 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE MUST BE
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE FIELDS OF PREVENTION
6 OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND CHILD WELFARE. THE APPOINTMENT OF
7 MEMBERS MUST REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THIS STATE.

8 (3) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A PRESIDING OFFICER BY A
9 MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT THE
10 CALL OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER. THE TASK FORCE SHALL MAKE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN THIS STATE. IN

1 MAKING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE TASK FORCE SHALL DO ALL OF THE
2 FOLLOWING:

3 (A) GATHER INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
4 THROUGHOUT THIS STATE.

5 (B) RECEIVE REPORTS AND TESTIMONY FROM INDIVIDUALS, STATE AND
6 LOCAL AGENCIES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC AND
7 PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

8 (C) REVIEW STEPS TAKEN AND PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN OTHER
9 STATES TO REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

10 (D) CREATE GOALS FOR STATE POLICY THAT ARE AIMED AT PREVENTING
11 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

12 (E) SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT WITH THE TASK FORCE'S
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE NOT LATER THAN
14 180 DAYS AFTER THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE APPOINTED.

15 (4) THE RECOMMENDATIONS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (3) MAY
16 INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC STATUTORY CHANGES AND METHODS TO
17 FOSTER COOPERATION AMONG STATE AGENCIES AND BETWEEN THE STATE AND
18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

19 (5) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSULT WITH THE EMPLOYEES OF THE
20 DEPARTMENT WHO WORK ON CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 STATE POLICE, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND ANY OTHER STATE
22 AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK FORCE'S
23 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 (6) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
25 COMPENSATION AND SHALL NOT BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR EXPENSES.

26 (7) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE ABOLISHED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE
27 FINAL REPORT REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (3) TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE

1 LEGISLATURE.

2 (8) UPON WRITTEN REQUEST FROM A CHILD OR THE CHILD'S PARENT OR
3 LEGAL GUARDIAN, THAT CHILD SHALL BE EXCUSED, WITHOUT PENALTY, FROM
4 PARTICIPATING IN THE TASK FORCE'S INFORMATION-GATHERING EFFORTS.

5 (9) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE TASK FORCE
6 ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN CREATED IN SUBSECTION
7 (1).