

# SENATE BILL NO. 1127

June 30, 2022, Introduced by Senators HERTEL, ANANICH, HOLLIER, BULLOCK, WOJNO, CHANG, IRWIN, POLEHANKI, GEISS, BAYER, SANTANA, BRINKS, MOSS and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled  
"Child protection law,"  
by amending section 2 (MCL 722.622), as amended by 2018 PA 59.

## **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.

1 (b) "Attorney" means, if appointed to represent a child under  
2 the provisions referenced in section 10, an attorney serving as the  
3 child's legal advocate in the manner defined and described in  
4 section 13a of chapter XIIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA  
5 288, MCL 712A.13a.

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

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

16 (e) "Centralized intake" means the department's statewide  
17 centralized processing center for reports of suspected child abuse  
18 and child neglect.

19 (f) "Child" means ~~a person~~ **an individual** under 18 years of  
20 age.

21 (g) "Child abuse" means harm or threatened harm to a child's  
22 health or welfare that occurs through nonaccidental physical or  
23 mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment,  
24 by a parent, a legal guardian, ~~or~~ any other person responsible for  
25 the child's health or welfare, ~~or by a teacher, a teacher's aide,~~  
26 ~~or a member of the clergy,~~ **or another child.**

27 (h) "Child care organization" means that term as defined in  
28 section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.

29 (i) "Child care provider" means an owner, operator, employee,

1 or volunteer of a child care organization or of an adult foster  
2 care location authorized to care for a child.

3 (j) "Child care regulatory agency" means the department of  
4 licensing and regulatory affairs or a successor state department  
5 that is responsible for the licensing or registration of child care  
6 organizations or the licensing of adult foster care locations  
7 authorized to care for a child.

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

12 (i) Negligent treatment, including the failure to provide  
13 adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, though  
14 financially able to do so, or by the failure to seek financial or  
15 other reasonable means to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter,  
16 or medical care.

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

22 (l) "Children's advocacy center" means an entity accredited as  
23 a child advocacy center by the National Children's Alliance or its  
24 successor agency or an entity granted associate or developing  
25 membership status by the National Children's Alliance or its  
26 successor agency.

27 (m) "Citizen review panel" means a panel established as  
28 required by section 5106a of the child abuse prevention and  
29 treatment act, 42 USC 5106a.

~~(n) "Member of the clergy" means a priest, minister, rabbi, Christian science practitioner, or other religious practitioner, or similar functionary of a church, temple, or recognized religious body, denomination, or organization.~~

(n) ~~(e)~~ "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

(o) ~~(p)~~ "CPSI system" means the child protective service information system, which is an internal data system maintained within and by the department, and which is separate from the central registry and not subject to section 7.

(p) ~~(q)~~ "Department" means the department of health and human services.

(q) ~~(r)~~ "Director" means the director of the department.

(r) ~~(s)~~ "Expunge" means to physically remove or eliminate and destroy a record or report.

(s) ~~(t)~~ "Lawyer-guardian ad litem" means an attorney appointed under section 10 who has the powers and duties referenced by section 10.

(t) ~~(u)~~ "Local office file" means the system used to keep a record of a written report, document, or photograph filed with and maintained by a county or a regionally based office of the department.

**(u) "Member of the clergy" means a priest, minister, rabbi, Christian Science practitioner, or other religious practitioner, or similar functionary of a church, temple, or recognized religious body, denomination, or organization.**

(v) "Nonparent adult" means a person who is 18 years of age or older and who, regardless of the person's domicile, meets all of the following criteria in relation to a child:

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

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

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

6 (w) "Online reporting system" means the electronic system  
7 established by the department for individuals identified in section  
8 3(1) to report suspected child abuse or child neglect.

9 (x) "Person responsible for the child's health or welfare"  
10 means a parent, legal guardian, person 18 years of age or older who  
11 resides for any length of time in the same home in which the child  
12 resides, or, except when used in section 7(2)(e) or 8(8), nonparent  
13 adult; or an owner, operator, volunteer, or employee of 1 or more  
14 of the following:

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

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

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

21 (y) "Relevant evidence" means evidence having a tendency to  
22 make the existence of a fact that is at issue more probable than it  
23 would be without the evidence.

24 (z) "Sexual abuse" means engaging in sexual contact or sexual  
25 penetration as those terms are defined in section 520a of the  
26 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520a, with a child.

27 (aa) "Sexual exploitation" includes allowing, permitting, or  
28 encouraging a child to engage in prostitution, or allowing,  
29 permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the photographing, filming,

1 or depicting of a child engaged in a listed sexual act as defined  
2 in section 145c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
3 750.145c.

4 (bb) "Specified information" means information in a children's  
5 protective services case record related specifically to the  
6 department's actions in responding to a complaint of child abuse or  
7 child neglect. Specified information does not include any of the  
8 following:

9 (i) Except as provided in this subparagraph regarding a  
10 perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect, personal  
11 identification information for any individual identified in a child  
12 protective services record. The exclusion of personal  
13 identification information as specified information prescribed by  
14 this subparagraph does not include personal identification  
15 information identifying an individual alleged to have perpetrated  
16 child abuse or child neglect, which allegation has been classified  
17 as a central registry case.

18 (ii) Information in a police agency report or other law  
19 enforcement agency report as provided in section 7(8).

20 (iii) Any other information that is specifically designated as  
21 confidential under other law.

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

24 (cc) "Structured decision-making tool" means the department  
25 document labeled "DSS-4752 (P3) (3-95)" or a revision of that  
26 document that better measures the risk of future harm to a child.

27 (dd) "Substantiated" means a child protective services case  
28 classified as a central registry case.

29 (ee) "Unsubstantiated" means a child protective services case

- 1 the department classifies under sections 8 and 8d as category III,
- 2 category IV, or category V.