

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.