SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5770

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939,"

by amending sections 22, 39, 68 of chapter X, sections 1 and 20 of chapter XII, and sections 1, 2, 2d, 8, 9, 14, 14a, 14b, 16, 17, 17b, 18k, 18s, 19a, 19c, and 28 of chapter XIIA (MCL 710.22, 710.39, 710.68, 712.1, 712.20, 712A.1, 712A.2, 712A.2d, 712A.8, 712A.9, 712A.14, 712A.14a, 712A.14b, 712A.16, 712A.17, 712A.17b, 712A.18k, 712A.18s, 712A.19a, 712A.19c, and 712A.28), section 22 of chapter X as amended by 2004 PA 487, section 39 of chapter X as amended by 2014 PA 119, section 68 of chapter X as amended by 2012 PA 385, section 1 of chapter XII as amended by 2006 PA 488, section 20 of chapter XII as amended by 2003 PA 245, section 1 of chapter XIIA as amended by 2014 PA 533, section 2 of chapter XIIA as

amended by 2014 PA 519, sections 2d, 8, 16, and 28 of chapter XIIA as amended by 1998 PA 478, section 14 of chapter XIIA as amended and sections 14a and 14b of chapter XIIA as added by 2012 PA 163, section 17 of chapter XIIA as amended by 1998 PA 474, section 17b of chapter XIIA as amended by 2002 PA 625, section 18k of chapter XIIA as amended by 2014 PA 458, section 18s of chapter XIIA as added by 2012 PA 541, and sections 19a and 19c of chapter XIIA as amended by 2012 PA 115.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 CHAPTER X
- 2 Sec. 22. As used in this chapter:
- 3 (a) "Adoptee" means the individual who is to be adopted,
- 4 regardless of whether the individual is a child or an adult.
- (b) "Adoption attorney" means an attorney acting as counsel inan adoption proceeding or case.
- 7 (c) "Adult former sibling" means an individual who is 18 years
- 8 of age or older and is related to an adult adoptee either
- 9 biologically or through adoption by at least 1 common parent,
- 10 regardless of whether the adult former sibling ever lived in the
- 11 same household as the adult adoptee.
- 12 (d) "Agency placement" means a placement in which a child
- 13 placing agency, the department, or a court selects the adoptive
- 14 parent for the child and transfers physical custody of the child to
- 15 the prospective adoptive parent.
- 16 (e) "Applicant" means an individual or individuals who desire
- 17 to adopt a child and who have submitted an adoption application to
- 18 a child placing agency.

- 1 (f) "Attending practitioner" means a licensed physician or a
- 2 registered professional nurse certified as a nurse midwife by the
- 3 Michigan board of nursing.
- 4 (g) "Best interests of the adoptee" or "best interests of the
- 5 child" means the sum total of the following factors to be
- 6 considered, evaluated, and determined by the court to be applied to
- 7 give the adoptee permanence at the earliest possible date:
- 8 (i) The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing
- 9 between the adopting individual or individuals and the adoptee or,
- 10 in the case of a hearing under section 39 of this chapter, the
- 11 putative father and the adoptee.
- 12 (ii) The capacity and disposition of the adopting individual
- 13 or individuals or, in the case of a hearing under section 39 of
- 14 this chapter, the putative father to give the adoptee love,
- 15 affection, and guidance, and to educate and create a milieu that
- 16 fosters the religion, racial identity, and culture of the adoptee.
- 17 (iii) The capacity and disposition of the adopting individual
- 18 or individuals or, in the case of a hearing under section 39 of
- 19 this chapter, the putative father, to provide the adoptee with
- 20 food, clothing, education, permanence, medical care or other
- 21 remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state
- 22 in place of medical care, and other material needs.
- 23 (iv) The length of time the adoptee has lived in a stable,
- 24 satisfactory environment, and the desirability of maintaining
- 25 continuity.
- 26 (v) The permanence as a family unit of the proposed adoptive
- 27 home, or, in the case of a hearing under section 39 of this

- 1 chapter, the home of the putative father.
- (vi) The moral fitness of the adopting individual or
- 3 individuals or, in the case of a hearing under section 39 of this
- 4 chapter, of the putative father.
- 5 (vii) The mental and physical health of the adopting
- 6 individual or individuals or, in the case of a hearing under
- 7 section 39 of this chapter, of the putative father, and of the
- 8 adoptee.
- 9 (viii) The home, school, and community record of the adoptee.
- 10 (ix) The reasonable preference of the adoptee, if the adoptee
- 11 is 14 years of age or less and if the court considers the adoptee
- 12 to be of sufficient age to express a preference.
- 13 (x) The ability and willingness of the adopting individual or
- 14 individuals to adopt the adoptee's siblings.
- (xi) Any other factor considered by the court to be relevant
- 16 to a particular adoption proceeding, or to a putative father's
- 17 request for child custody.
- (h) "Born out of wedlock" means a child conceived and born to
- 19 a woman who was not married from the conception to the date of
- 20 birth of the child, or a child whom the court has determined to be
- 21 a child born during a marriage but not the issue of that marriage.
- (i) "Central adoption registry" means the registry established
- 23 by the department under section 27b of this chapter to control the
- 24 release of identifying adoption information.
- 25 (j) "Child" means an individual less than 18 years of age.
- 26 (k) "Child placing agency" means a private organization
- 27 licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128, to place

- 1 children for adoption.
- 2 (1) "Consent" means a document in which all parental rights
- 3 over a specific child are voluntarily relinquished to the court for
- 4 placement with a specific adoptive parent.
- 5 (m) "Court" means the family division of circuit court of this
- 6 state, or if the context requires, the court having jurisdiction
- 7 over adoption in another state or country.
- 8 (n) "Department" means the family independence
- 9 agency.DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
- 10 (o) "Direct placement" means a placement in which a parent or
- 11 guardian selects an adoptive parent for a child, other than a
- 12 stepparent or an individual related to the child within the fifth
- 13 degree by marriage, blood, or adoption, and transfers physical
- 14 custody of the child to the prospective adoptive parent.
- 15 (p) "Formal placement" means a placement that is approved by
- 16 the court under section 51 of this chapter.
- 17 (q) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
- 18 association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.
- 19 (r) "Petitioner", except as used in section 68b of this
- 20 chapter, means the individual or individuals who file an adoption
- 21 petition with the court.
- 22 (s) "Placement" or "to place" means selection of an adoptive
- 23 parent for a child and transfer of physical custody of the child to
- 24 a prospective adoptive parent according to this chapter.
- 25 (t) "Relative" means an individual who is related to the child
- 26 within the fifth degree by marriage, blood, or adoption.
- 27 (u) "Release" means a document in which all parental rights

- 1 over a specific child are voluntarily relinquished to the
- 2 department or to a child placing agency.
- 3 (v) "Rescission petition" means a petition filed by an adult
- 4 adoptee and his or her parent whose rights have been terminated to
- 5 rescind the adoption in which a stepparent acquired parental rights
- 6 and to restore parental rights of that parent according to section
- **7** 66 of this chapter.
- 8 (w) "Suitable to be a parent of an adoptee" means a conclusion
- 9 that there is no specific concern with respect to an individual
- 10 that would suggest that placement of any child, or a particular
- 11 child, in the home of the individual would pose a risk of harm to
- 12 the physical or psychological well-being of the child.
- 13 (x) "Temporary placement" means a placement that occurs before
- 14 court approval under section 51 of this chapter and that meets the
- 15 requirements of section 23d of this chapter.
- 16 (y) "Within the fifth degree by marriage, blood, or adoption"
- 17 means any of the following relationships: parent, step-parent,
- 18 grandparent, step-grandparent, brother, step-brother, sister, step-
- 19 sister, uncle, step-uncle, aunt, step-aunt, first cousin, step-
- 20 first cousin, great aunt, step-great aunt, great uncle, step-great
- 21 uncle, great grandparent, step-great grandparent, first cousin once
- 22 removed, step-first cousin once removed, great great grandparent,
- 23 step-great great grandparent, great great uncle, step-great great
- 24 uncle, great great aunt, step-great great aunt, great great great
- 25 grandparent, or step-great great great grandparent.
- 26 Sec. 39. (1) If the putative father does not come within the
- 27 provisions of subsection (2), and if the putative father appears at

- 1 the hearing and requests custody of the child, the court shall
- 2 inquire into his fitness and his ability to properly care for the
- 3 child and shall determine whether the best interests of the child
- 4 will be served by granting custody to him. If the court finds that
- 5 it would not be in the best interests of the child to grant custody
- 6 to the putative father, the court shall terminate his rights to the
- 7 child.
- 8 (2) If the putative father has established a custodial
- 9 relationship with the child or has provided substantial and regular
- 10 support or care in accordance with the putative father's ability to
- 11 provide support or care for the mother during pregnancy or for
- 12 either mother or child after the child's birth during the 90 days
- 13 before notice of the hearing was served upon him, the rights of the
- 14 putative father shall not be terminated except by proceedings in
- 15 accordance with section 51(6) of this chapter or section 2 of
- 16 chapter XIIA.
- 17 (3) If the court determines that the parental rights of the
- 18 putative father will not be terminated under subsection (1), the
- 19 court shall do all of the following:
- 20 (a) Terminate the temporary placement made under section 23d
- 21 of this chapter.
- 22 (b) Return custody of the child to the mother or the guardian
- 23 unless the mother's parental rights have been terminated under this
- 24 chapter or other law and are not restored under section 62 of this
- 25 chapter.
- (c) Deny the order of adoption and dismiss the pending
- 27 adoption proceeding.

- 1 (4) The fact that the mother or guardian executed or proposed
- 2 to execute a release or consent relinquishing the mother's parental
- 3 rights or the guardian's rights to the child and sought termination
- 4 of the putative father's parental rights under section 36, 37, or
- 5 39 of this chapter shall not be used against the mother or guardian
- 6 in any proceeding under the child custody act of 1970, 1970 PA 91,
- 7 MCL 722.21 to 722.31, after the court has completed the provisions
- 8 in subsection (3).
- 9 (5) If the mother's parental rights are terminated under this
- 10 chapter or other law and are not restored under section 62 of this
- 11 chapter and if the court awards custody of a child born out of
- 12 wedlock to the putative father, the court shall enter an order
- 13 granting custody to the putative father and legitimating the child
- 14 for all purposes. Upon entry of an order granting custody and
- 15 legitimating the child, the clerk of the court shall collect a fee
- of \$35.00 from the putative father. The clerk shall retain \$9.00 of
- 17 the fee and remit the \$26.00 balance, along with a written report
- 18 of the order granting custody and legitimating the child, to the
- 19 director of the department. of community health. The report shall
- 20 be on a form prescribed by or in a manner approved by the director
- 21 of the department. of community health. Regardless of whether the
- 22 fee required by this section is collected, the clerk shall transmit
- 23 and the department of community health shall receive the report of
- 24 the order granting custody and legitimating the child.
- Sec. 68. (1) Within 63 days after a request for nonidentifying
- 26 information is received, a child placing agency, a court, or the
- 27 department shall provide in writing to the adoptive parent, adult

- 1 adoptee, former parent, or adult former sibling requesting the
- 2 information all of the nonidentifying information described in
- $\mathbf{3}$ section 27(1) and (2) of this chapter.
- 4 (2) Within 63 days after a request for identifying information
- 5 about an adult adoptee is received, a child placing agency or court
- 6 or the department shall provide in writing to the former parent or
- 7 adult former sibling requesting the information the adult adoptee's
- 8 most recent name and address if the adult adoptee has given written
- 9 consent to release of the information pursuant to UNDER this
- 10 chapter. If the adult adoptee has not given written consent to the
- 11 release of information, the child placing agency, the court, or the
- 12 department shall, upon presentation of a certified copy of the
- 13 order of appointment, give the adult adoptee's name and address to
- 14 a confidential intermediary appointed under section 68b of this
- 15 chapter, together with any other information in its possession that
- 16 would help the confidential intermediary locate the adult adoptee.
- 17 At the option of agency or the department, the information may be
- 18 released to the court for release to the confidential intermediary.
- 19 (3) If the department or a child placing agency receives a
- 20 request for adoption record information in its possession from an
- 21 adult adoptee, former parent, or adult former sibling, the
- 22 department or child placing agency shall provide the individual
- 23 requesting the information with the identity of the court that
- 24 confirmed the adoption within 28 days after receipt of the request.
- 25 If a court receives such a request, the court shall provide the
- 26 individual requesting the information with the identity of the
- 27 child placing agency that handled the adoption.

- 1 (4) If the court that terminated parental rights receives from
- 2 the former parents or adult former siblings of the adult adoptee a
- 3 request for the identity of the agency, court, or department to
- 4 which the child was committed, the court shall provide in writing
- 5 the name of that agency, court, or department, if known, within 28
- 6 days after receipt of the request.
- 7 (5) Upon receipt of a written request for identifying
- 8 information from an adult adoptee, a child placing agency, a court,
- 9 or the department, if it maintains the adoption file for that
- 10 adoptee, shall submit a clearance request form to the central
- 11 adoption registry. Within 28 days after receipt of a clearance
- 12 reply form from the central adoption registry, the child placing
- 13 agency, court, or department shall notify the adoptee in writing of
- 14 the identifying information to which the adoptee is entitled under
- 15 subsection (6) or (7), or, if the identifying information cannot be
- 16 released under those subsections, the reason why the information
- 17 cannot be released. The child placing agency, court, or department
- 18 shall retain a copy of the notice sent to the adult adoptee.
- 19 (6) For adoptions in which the former parents' rights were
- 20 terminated on or after May 28, 1945 and before September 12, 1980,
- 21 a child placing agency, a court, or the department shall release to
- 22 an adult adoptee or to a confidential intermediary appointed under
- 23 section 68b of this chapter the identifying information described
- 24 in section 27(3) of this chapter and other identifying information
- 25 on file with the central adoption registry as specified in section
- 26 27b of this chapter, in the following manner:
- 27 (a) All of the identifying information described in section

- 1 27(3) of this chapter shall be released to the adult adoptee τ if
- 2 both former parents have on file with the central adoption registry
- 3 a statement consenting to release of the identifying information.
- **4** (b) The identifying information described in section 27(3)(b)
- 5 and (c) of this chapter about 1 of the former parents and the
- 6 identifying information described in section 27(3)(a) and (d) of
- 7 this chapter shall be released to the adult adoptee if that former
- 8 parent has on file with the central adoption registry a statement
- 9 consenting to release of identifying information.
- 10 (c) The identifying information described in section 27(3)(b)
- 11 and (c) of this chapter about 1 of the former parents and the
- 12 identifying information described in section 27(3)(a) and (d) of
- 13 this chapter shall be released to the adult adoptee if that parent
- 14 is deceased.
- 15 (d) All of the identifying information described in section
- 16 27(3) of this chapter on both former parents shall be released to
- 17 the adult adoptee if both former parents are deceased.
- 18 (e) Upon presentation of a certified copy of the order of
- 19 appointment, all of the identifying information described in
- 20 section 27(3) of this chapter shall be released to a confidential
- 21 intermediary appointed under section 68b of this chapter, together
- 22 with additional information to assist the confidential intermediary
- 23 to locate former family members. At the option of the agency or the
- 24 department, the information may be released to the court for
- 25 release to the confidential intermediary.
- 26 (7) For all adoptions in which the former parents' rights were
- 27 terminated before May 28, 1945 or on or after September 12, 1980, a

- 1 child placing agency, a court, or the department shall release to
- 2 an adult adoptee the identifying information described in section
- 3 27(3) of this chapter and any additional information on file with
- 4 the central adoption registry as specified in section 27b of this
- 5 chapter, except that if a former parent has filed a statement
- 6 currently in effect with the central adoption registry denying
- 7 consent to have identifying information released, the identifying
- 8 information specified in section 27(3)(b) and (c) of this chapter
- 9 shall not be released about that parent. For purposes of this
- 10 subsection, a denial of consent is not effective after the death of
- 11 the former parent. This subsection does not apply to adoptions in
- 12 which the former parents' rights were terminated under chapter XII
- 13 of this act unless the former parent has filed a statement with the
- 14 central adoption registry consenting to the release of identifying
- 15 information.
- 16 (8) Upon receipt of a written request from an adult adoptee
- 17 for the name and address of an adult former sibling, a child
- 18 placing agency, a court, or the department, if it maintains the
- 19 adoption file for that adoptee, shall submit a clearance request
- 20 form to the central adoption registry. Within 28 days after receipt
- 21 of a clearance reply form from the central adoption registry, the
- 22 child placing agency, court, or department shall notify the adoptee
- 23 in writing of the name and address of an adult former sibling whose
- 24 statement was forwarded by the central adoption registry.
- 25 (9) If a child placing agency or court or the department
- 26 requests information from the central adoption registry and if the
- 27 clearance reply form from the central adoption registry indicates

- 1 that neither of the former parents has on file with the central
- 2 adoption registry a statement currently in effect denying consent
- 3 to have identifying information released, the child placing agency,
- 4 court, or department shall deliver to the adult adoptee a copy of
- 5 the clearance reply form it received from the central adoption
- 6 registry. The clearance reply form may be used by the adult adoptee
- 7 to obtain a copy of his or her original certificate of live birth
- 8 under section 2882 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
- 9 333.2882. Except for adoptions in which the former parents'
- 10 parental rights were terminated under chapter XII of this act, this
- 11 subsection applies to all adoptions in which the parents' rights
- were terminated before May 28, 1945 or on or after September 12,
- **13** 1980.
- 14 (10) If a child placing agency, a court, or the department
- 15 receives written information concerning a physician-verified
- 16 medical or genetic condition of an individual biologically related
- 17 to an adoptee and a request that the information be transmitted to
- 18 the adoptee because of the serious threat it poses to the adoptee's
- 19 life, the child placing agency, court, or department shall send a
- 20 written copy of the information by first-class mail within 7 days
- 21 after the request is received to the adoptee at his or her last
- 22 known address. If the adoptee is less than 18 years of age, the
- 23 information shall be sent by first-class mail within 7 days after
- 24 the request is received to the adoptive parents at their last known
- 25 address.
- 26 (11) If the information described in subsection (10) is
- 27 returned undelivered, the agency, court, or department shall make a

- 1 reasonable effort to find the most recent address of the adoptee or
- 2 minor adoptee's parents and shall again send the information by
- 3 first-class mail within 21 days after receiving the returned
- 4 letter.
- 5 (12) If a child placing agency, a court, or the department
- 6 receives written information concerning a physician-verified
- 7 medical or genetic condition of a person biologically related to an
- 8 adoptee, and the condition is not life-threatening to the adoptee,
- 9 the child placing agency, court, or department shall place the
- 10 information in its adoption files. If the child placing agency,
- 11 court, or department receives a written request for the information
- 12 from the adult adoptee or minor adoptee's adoptive parents, it
- 13 shall release a written copy of the information to the adult
- 14 adoptee or to the minor adoptee's adoptive parents within 63 days
- 15 after the request for the information was made.
- 16 (13) If a child placing agency, a court, or the department
- 17 receives written information concerning a physician-verified
- 18 medical or genetic condition that threatens the life of an adoptee
- 19 and for which a biologically related person could give life-saving
- 20 aid, and receives a request from or on behalf of the adoptee that
- 21 the information be transmitted, the child placing agency, court, or
- 22 department shall send a written copy of the information by first-
- 23 class mail within 7 days after the request is received to the
- 24 biological parents or adult biological siblings of the adoptee at
- 25 their last known address.
- 26 (14) If the information described in subsection (13) is
- 27 returned undelivered, the agency, court, or department shall make a

- 1 reasonable effort to find the most recent address of the biological
- 2 parents or adult biological siblings and shall again send the
- 3 information by first-class mail within 21 days after receiving the
- 4 returned letter.
- 5 (15) If a child placing agency, a court, or the department
- 6 provides an adoptee with the name of 1 of the adoptee's former
- 7 parents, that child placing agency, court, or department shall
- 8 notify the department of community health DEPARTMENT'S VITAL
- 9 RECORDS OFFICE of that fact. Upon receipt of notification by the
- 10 child placing agency, court, or department, the department of
- 11 community health DEPARTMENT'S VITAL RECORDS OFFICE shall insure
- 12 ENSURE that the original birth certificate on file for the adoptee
- 13 has been sealed and that a new birth certificate has been prepared
- 14 in conformance with section 67 of this chapter.
- 15 (16) An employee or agent of a child placing agency, a court,
- 16 or the department, who intentionally releases identifying
- 17 information in violation of this section, is guilty of a
- 18 misdemeanor.
- 19 (17) This section also applies to a stepparent adoption and to
- 20 the adoption of a child related to the petitioner within the fifth
- 21 degree by marriage, blood, or adoption.
- 22 (18) As used in this section, "adult adoptee" means an
- 23 individual who was adopted as a child who is now 18 years of age or
- 24 older or an individual who was 18 years of age or older at the time
- 25 of adoption.
- 26 (19) A child placing agency, a court, and the department may
- 27 require a fee for supplying information under this section. The fee

- 1 shall be \$60.00 or the actual cost of supplying the information,
- 2 whichever is less. The child placing agency, court, or department
- 3 may waive a part or all of the fee in case of indigency or
- 4 hardship.
- 5 (20) A direct descendant of a deceased adult adoptee may
- 6 request information under this section. All information to which an
- 7 adult adoptee is entitled under this section shall be released to
- 8 the adult adoptee's direct descendants if the adult adoptee is
- 9 deceased.
- 10 (21) A child placing agency, a court, or the department shall
- 11 permit the children's ombudsman to inspect adoption records in its
- 12 possession in connection with an investigation authorized under the
- 13 children's ombudsman act, 1994 PA 204, MCL 722.921 to 722.935. The
- 14 ombudsman shall not disclose information obtained by an inspection
- 15 under this section. If the children's ombudsman requires further
- 16 information from an individual whose identity is protected in
- 17 closed adoption records, the ombudsman shall contact the individual
- 18 discreetly and confidentially. The ombudsman shall inform the
- 19 individual that his or her participation in the investigation is
- 20 confidential, is strictly voluntary, and will not alter or
- 21 constitute a challenge to the adoption. The ombudsman shall honor
- 22 the individual's request not to be contacted further. As used in
- 23 this subsection, "children's ombudsman" or "ombudsman" means the
- 24 ombudsman appointed under section 3 of the children's ombudsman
- 25 act, 1994 PA 204, MCL 722.923, or his or her designee.
- 26 CHAPTER XII
- Sec. 1. (1) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as

- 1 the "safe delivery of newborns law".
- 2 (2) As used in this chapter:
- 3 (a) "Child placing agency" means that term as defined in
- 4 section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.
- 5 (b) "Court" means the family division of circuit court.
- 6 (c) "Department" means the department of **HEALTH AND** human
- 7 services.
- 8 (d) "DNA identification profile" and "DNA identification
- 9 profiling" mean those terms as defined in section 1 of the
- 10 paternity act, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711.
- 11 (e) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section
- 12 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.
- 13 (f) "Emergency service provider" means a uniformed or
- 14 otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department,
- 15 hospital, or police station when that individual is inside the
- 16 premises and on duty. Emergency service provider also includes a
- 17 paramedic or an emergency medical technician when either of those
- 18 individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.
- 19 (g) "Fire department" means an organized fire department as
- 20 that term is defined in section 1 of the fire prevention code, 1941
- **21** PA 207, MCL 29.1.
- (h) "Gross negligence" means conduct so reckless as to
- 23 demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury
- 24 results.
- 25 (i) "Hospital" means a hospital that is licensed under article
- 26 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to
- **27** 333.22260.

- 1 (j) "Lawyer-guardian ad litem" means an attorney appointed
- 2 under section 2 of this chapter. A lawyer-guardian ad litem
- 3 represents the newborn, and has the powers and duties, as set forth
- 4 in section 17d of chapter XIIA.
- 5 (k) "Newborn" means a child who a physician reasonably
- 6 believes to be not more than 72 hours old.
- 7 (1) "Police station" means that term as defined in section 43
- 8 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.43.
- 9 (m) "Preplacement assessment" means an assessment of a
- 10 prospective adoptive parent as described in section 23f of chapter
- **11** X.
- 12 (n) "Surrender" means to leave a newborn with an emergency
- 13 service provider without expressing an intent to return for the
- 14 newborn.
- 15 Sec. 20. The department of community health in conjunction
- 16 with the department shall establish a safe delivery program. The
- 17 safe delivery program shall include, but is not limited to, both of
- 18 the following:
- 19 (a) A toll-free, 24-hour telephone line. The information
- 20 provided with this telephone line shall include, but is not limited
- 21 to, all of the following:
- (i) Information on prenatal care and the delivery of a
- 23 newborn.
- 24 (ii) Names of health agencies that can assist in obtaining
- 25 services and supports that provide for the pregnancy-related health
- 26 of the mother and the health of the baby.
- 27 (iii) Information on adoption options and the name and

- 1 telephone number of a child placing agency that can assist a parent
- 2 or expecting parent in obtaining adoption services.
- (iv) Information that, in order to safely provide for the
- 4 health of the mother and her newborn, the best place for the
- 5 delivery of a child is in a hospital, hospital-based birthing
- 6 center, or birthing center that is accredited by the commission for
- 7 the accreditation of birth centers. COMMISSION FOR THE ACCREDITATION
- 8 OF BIRTH CENTERS.
- 9 (v) An explanation that, to the extent of the law, prenatal
- 10 care and delivery services are routinely confidential within the
- 11 health care system, if requested by the mother.
- 12 (vi) Information that a hospital will take into protective
- 13 custody a newborn that is surrendered as provided for in this
- 14 chapter and, if needed, provide emergency medical assistance to the
- 15 mother, the newborn, or both.
- 16 (vii) Information regarding legal and procedural requirements
- 17 related to the voluntary surrender of a child as provided for in
- 18 this chapter.
- 19 (viii) Information regarding the legal consequences for
- 20 endangering a child, including child protective service
- 21 investigations and potential criminal penalties.
- 22 (ix) Information that surrendering a newborn for adoption as
- 23 provided in this chapter is an affirmative defense to charges of
- 24 abandonment as provided in section 135 of the Michigan penal code,
- 25 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.135.
- 26 (x) Information about resources for counseling and assistance
- 27 with crisis management.

- 1 (b) A pamphlet that provides information to the public
- 2 concerning the safe delivery program. The department of community
- 3 health and the department shall jointly publish and distribute the
- 4 pamphlet. The pamphlet shall prominently display the toll-free
- 5 telephone number prescribed by subdivision (a).
- 6 CHAPTER XIIA
- 7 Sec. 1. (1) As used in this chapter:
- 8 (a) "Civil infraction" means that term as defined in section
- 9 113 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL
- **10** 600.113.
- 11 (b) "Competency evaluation" means a court-ordered examination
- 12 of a juvenile directed to developing information relevant to a
- 13 determination of his or her competency to proceed at a particular
- 14 stage of a court proceeding involving a juvenile who is the subject
- 15 of a delinquency petition.
- 16 (c) "Competency hearing" means a hearing to determine whether
- 17 a juvenile is competent to proceed.
- (d) "County juvenile agency" means that term as defined in
- 19 section 2 of the county juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL
- **20** 45.622.
- 21 (e) "Court" means the family division of circuit court.
- 22 (f) "Department" means the department of **HEALTH AND** human
- 23 services. A reference in this chapter to the "department of social
- 24 welfare" or the "family independence agency" means the department
- 25 of human services.
- (g) "Foreign protection order" means that term as defined in
- 27 section 2950h of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236,

- **1** MCL 600.2950h.
- 2 (h) "Incompetent to proceed" means that a juvenile, based on
- 3 age-appropriate norms, lacks a reasonable degree of rational and
- 4 factual understanding of the proceeding or is unable to do 1 or
- 5 more of the following:
- 6 (i) Consult with and assist his or her attorney in preparing
- 7 his or her defense in a meaningful manner.
- 8 (ii) Sufficiently understand the charges against him or her.
- 9 (i) "Juvenile" means a person who is less than 17 years of age
- 10 who is the subject of a delinquency petition.
- 11 (j) "Least restrictive environment" means a supervised
- 12 community placement, preferably a placement with the juvenile's
- 13 parent, guardian, relative, or a facility or conditions of
- 14 treatment that is a residential or institutional placement only
- 15 utilized as a last resort based on the best interest of the
- 16 juvenile or for reasons of public safety.
- 17 (k) "Licensed child caring institution" means a child caring
- 18 institution as defined and licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111
- **19** to 722.128.
- 20 (1) "MCI" means the Michigan children's institute created and
- 21 established by 1935 PA 220, MCL 400.201 to 400.214.
- 22 (m) "Mental health code" means the mental health code, 1974 PA
- 23 258, MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106.
- 24 (n) "Personal protection order" means a personal protection
- 25 order issued under section 2950 or 2950a of the revised judicature
- 26 act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2950 and 600.2950a, and includes
- 27 a valid foreign protection order.

- 1 (o) "Qualified juvenile forensic mental health examiner" means
- 2 1 of the following who performs forensic mental health examinations
- 3 for the purposes of sections 1062 to 1074 of the mental health
- 4 code, MCL 330.2062 TO 330.2074, but does not exceed the scope of
- 5 his or her practice as authorized by state law:
- **6** (i) A psychiatrist or psychologist who possesses experience or
- 7 training in the following:
- 8 (A) Forensic evaluation procedures for juveniles.
- 9 (B) Evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of children and
- 10 adolescents with emotional disturbance, mental illness, or
- 11 developmental disabilities.
- 12 (C) Clinical understanding of child and adolescent
- 13 development.
- 14 (D) Familiarity with competency standards in this state.
- 15 (ii) Beginning September 28, 2014, a mental health
- 16 professional other than a psychiatrist or psychologist who has
- 17 completed a juvenile competency training program for forensic
- 18 mental health examiners that is endorsed by the department under
- 19 section 1072 of the mental health code, MCL 330.2072, and who
- 20 possesses experience or training in all of the following:
- 21 (A) Forensic evaluation procedures for juveniles.
- 22 (B) Evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of children and
- 23 adolescents with emotional disturbance, mental illness, or
- 24 developmental disabilities.
- 25 (C) Clinical understanding of child and adolescent
- 26 development.
- (D) Familiarity with competency standards in this state.

- 1 (p) "Qualified restoration provider" means an individual who
- 2 the court determines, as a result of the opinion provided by the
- 3 qualified forensic mental health examiner, has the skills and
- 4 training necessary to provide restoration services. The court shall
- 5 take measures to avoid any conflict of interest among agencies or
- 6 individuals who may provide evaluation and restoration.
- 7 (q) "Restoration" means the process by which education or
- 8 treatment of a juvenile results in that juvenile becoming competent
- 9 to proceed.
- 10 (r) "Serious misdemeanor" means that term as defined in
- 11 section 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights
- 12 act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.811.
- 13 (s) "Valid foreign protection order" means a foreign
- 14 protection order that satisfies the conditions for validity
- 15 provided in section 2950i of the revised judicature act of 1961,
- 16 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2950i.
- 17 (2) Except as otherwise provided, proceedings under this
- 18 chapter are not criminal proceedings.
- 19 (3) This chapter shall be liberally construed so that each
- 20 juvenile coming within the court's jurisdiction receives the care,
- 21 guidance, and control, preferably in his or her own home, conducive
- 22 to the juvenile's welfare and the best interest of the state. If a
- 23 juvenile is removed from the control of his or her parents, the
- 24 juvenile shall be placed in care as nearly as possible equivalent
- 25 to the care that should have been given to the juvenile by his or
- 26 her parents.
- 27 Sec. 2. The court has the following authority and

- 1 jurisdiction:
- 2 (a) Exclusive original jurisdiction superior to and regardless
- 3 of the jurisdiction of another court in proceedings concerning a
- 4 juvenile under 17 years of age who is found within the county if 1
- 5 or more of the following applies:
- 6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this sub-subdivision, the
- 7 juvenile has violated any municipal ordinance or law of the state
- 8 or of the United States. If the court enters into an agreement
- 9 under section 2e of this chapter, the court has jurisdiction over a
- 10 juvenile who committed a civil infraction as provided in that
- 11 section. The court has jurisdiction over a juvenile 14 years of age
- 12 or older who is charged with a specified juvenile violation only if
- 13 the prosecuting attorney files a petition in the court instead of
- 14 authorizing a complaint and warrant. As used in this sub-
- 15 subdivision, "specified juvenile violation" means 1 or more of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (A) A violation of section 72, 83, 86, 89, 91, 316, 317, 349,
- 18 520b, 529, 529a, or 531 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- **19** MCL 750.72, 750.83, 750.86, 750.89, 750.91, 750.316, 750.317,
- **20** 750.349, 750.520b, 750.529, 750.529a, and 750.531.
- 21 (B) A violation of section 84 or 110a(2) of the Michigan penal
- 22 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.84 and 750.110a, if the juvenile is
- 23 armed with a dangerous weapon. As used in this paragraph,
- 24 "dangerous weapon" means 1 or more of the following:
- 25 (i) A loaded or unloaded firearm, whether operable or
- 26 inoperable.
- 27 (ii) A knife, stabbing instrument, brass knuckles, blackjack,

- 1 club, or other object specifically designed or customarily carried
- 2 or possessed for use as a weapon.
- 3 (iii) An object that is likely to cause death or bodily injury
- 4 when used as a weapon and that is used as a weapon or carried or
- 5 possessed for use as a weapon.
- (iv) An object or device that is used or fashioned in a manner
- 7 to lead a person to believe the object or device is an object or
- **8** device described in subparagraphs (i) to (iii).
- 9 (C) A violation of section 186a of the Michigan penal code,
- 10 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.186a, regarding escape or attempted escape
- 11 from a juvenile facility, but only if the juvenile facility from
- 12 which the individual escaped or attempted to escape was 1 of the
- 13 following:
- 14 (i) A high-security or medium-security facility operated by
- 15 the department of human services or a county juvenile agency.
- 16 (ii) A high-security facility operated by a private agency
- 17 under contract with the department of human services or a county
- 18 juvenile agency.
- 19 (D) A violation of section 7401(2)(a)(i) or 7403(2)(a)(i) of
- 20 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403.
- 21 (E) An attempt to commit a violation described in paragraphs
- **22** (A) to (D).
- **23** (F) Conspiracy to commit a violation described in paragraphs
- **24** (A) to (D).
- 25 (G) Solicitation to commit a violation described in paragraphs
- **26** (A) to (D).
- 27 (H) A lesser included offense of a violation described in

- paragraphs (A) to (G) if the individual is charged with a violationdescribed in paragraphs (A) to (G).
- 3 (I) Another violation arising out of the same transaction as a 4 violation described in paragraphs (A) to (G) if the individual is
- ${f 5}$ charged with a violation described in paragraphs (A) to (G).

exhausted or refused family counseling.

- 6 (2) The juvenile has deserted his or her home without
 7 sufficient cause, and the court finds on the record that the
 8 juvenile has been placed or refused alternative placement or the
 9 juvenile and the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian have
- 11 (3) The juvenile is repeatedly disobedient to the reasonable
 12 and lawful commands of his or her parents, guardian, or custodian,
 13 and the court finds on the record by clear and convincing evidence
 14 that court-accessed services are necessary.
- 15 (4) The juvenile willfully and repeatedly absents himself or 16 herself from school or other learning program intended to meet the 17 juvenile's educational needs, or repeatedly violates rules and 18 regulations of the school or other learning program, and the court 19 finds on the record that the juvenile, the juvenile's parent, 20 quardian, or custodian, and school officials or learning program 21 personnel have met on the juvenile's educational problems and 22 educational counseling and alternative agency help have been 23 sought. As used in this sub-subdivision only, "learning program" 24 means an organized educational program that is appropriate, given 25 the age, intelligence, ability, and psychological limitations of a 26 juvenile, in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics,

science, history, civics, writing, and English grammar.

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- 1 (b) Jurisdiction in proceedings concerning a juvenile under 18
- 2 years of age found within the county:
- **3** (1) Whose parent or other person legally responsible for the
- 4 care and maintenance of the juvenile, when able to do so, neglects
- 5 or refuses to provide proper or necessary support, education,
- 6 medical, surgical, or other care necessary for his or her health or
- 7 morals, who is subject to a substantial risk of harm to his or her
- 8 mental well-being, who is abandoned by his or her parents,
- 9 guardian, or other custodian, or who is without proper custody or
- 10 guardianship. As used in this sub-subdivision:
- 11 (A) "Education" means learning based on an organized
- 12 educational program that is appropriate, given the age,
- 13 intelligence, ability, and psychological limitations of a juvenile,
- 14 in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science,
- 15 history, civics, writing, and English grammar.
- 16 (B) "Without proper custody or guardianship" does not mean a
- 17 parent has placed the juvenile with another person who is legally
- 18 responsible for the care and maintenance of the juvenile and who is
- 19 able to and does provide the juvenile with proper care and
- 20 maintenance.
- 21 (2) Whose home or environment, by reason of neglect, cruelty,
- 22 drunkenness, criminality, or depravity on the part of a parent,
- 23 guardian, nonparent adult, or other custodian, is an unfit place
- 24 for the juvenile to live in.
- 25 (3) If the juvenile is dependent and is in danger of
- 26 substantial physical or psychological harm. The juvenile may be
- 27 found to be dependent when any of the following occurs:

- 1 (A) The juvenile is homeless or not domiciled with a parent or2 other legally responsible person.
- 3 (B) The juvenile has repeatedly run away from home and is4 beyond the control of a parent or other legally responsible person.
- (C) The juvenile is alleged to have committed a commercial
 sexual activity as that term is defined in section 462a of the
 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a, or a delinquent act
- 8 that is the result of force, fraud, coercion, or manipulation9 exercised by a parent or other adult.
- 10 (D) The juvenile's custodial parent or legally responsible
 11 person has died or has become permanently incapacitated and no
 12 appropriate parent or legally responsible person is willing and

able to provide care for the juvenile.

- 14 (4) Whose parent has substantially failed, without good cause,
 15 to comply with a limited guardianship placement plan described in
 16 section 5205 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA
 17 386, MCL 700.5205, regarding the juvenile.
- 18 (5) Whose parent has substantially failed, without good cause, 19 to comply with a court-structured plan described in section 5207 or 20 5209 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, 21 MCL 700.5207 and 700.5209, regarding the juvenile.
- (6) If the juvenile has a guardian under the estates and
 protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1101 to 700.8206,
 and the juvenile's parent meets both of the following criteria:
- (A) The parent, having the ability to support or assist in
 supporting the juvenile, has failed or neglected, without good
 cause, to provide regular and substantial support for the juvenile

- 1 for 2 years or more before the filing of the petition or, if a
- 2 support order has been entered, has failed to substantially comply
- 3 with the order for 2 years or more before the filing of the
- 4 petition.
- 5 (B) The parent, having the ability to visit, contact, or
- 6 communicate with the juvenile, has regularly and substantially
- 7 failed or neglected, without good cause, to do so for 2 years or
- 8 more before the filing of the petition.
- 9 If a petition is filed in the court alleging that a juvenile
- 10 is within the provisions of subdivision (b) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5),
- 11 or (6) and the custody of that juvenile is subject to the prior or
- 12 continuing order of another court of record of this state, the
- 13 manner of notice to the other court of record and the authority of
- 14 the court to proceed is governed by rule of the supreme court.
- 15 (c) Jurisdiction over juveniles under 18 years of age,
- 16 jurisdiction of whom has been waived to the family division of
- 17 circuit court by a circuit court under a provision in a temporary
- 18 order for custody of juveniles based upon a complaint for divorce
- 19 or upon a motion related to a complaint for divorce by the
- 20 prosecuting attorney, in a divorce judgment dissolving a marriage
- 21 between the juvenile's parents, or by an amended judgment relative
- 22 to the juvenile's custody in a divorce.
- 23 (d) If the court finds on the record that voluntary services
- 24 have been exhausted or refused, concurrent jurisdiction in
- 25 proceedings concerning a juvenile between the ages of 17 and 18
- 26 found within the county who is 1 or more of the following:
- 27 (1) Repeatedly addicted to the use of drugs or the intemperate

- 1 use of alcoholic liquors.
- 2 (2) Repeatedly associating with criminal, dissolute, or
- 3 disorderly persons.
- 4 (3) Found of his or her own free will and knowledge in a house
- 5 of prostitution, assignation, or ill-fame.
- 6 (4) Repeatedly associating with thieves, prostitutes, pimps,
- 7 or procurers.
- **8** (5) Willfully disobedient to the reasonable and lawful
- 9 commands of his or her parents, guardian, or other custodian and in
- 10 danger of becoming morally depraved.
- If a juvenile is brought before the court in a county other
- 12 than that in which the juvenile resides, before a hearing and with
- 13 the consent of the judge of the court in the county of residence,
- 14 the court may enter an order transferring jurisdiction of the
- 15 matter to the court of the county of residence. Consent to transfer
- 16 jurisdiction is not required if the county of residence is a county
- 17 juvenile agency and satisfactory proof of residence is furnished to
- 18 the court of the county of residence. The order does not constitute
- 19 a legal settlement in this state that is required for the purpose
- 20 of section 55 of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.55.
- 21 The order and a certified copy of the proceedings in the
- 22 transferring court shall be delivered to the court of the county of
- 23 residence. A case designated as a case in which the juvenile shall
- 24 be tried in the same manner as an adult under section 2d of this
- 25 chapter may be transferred for venue or for juvenile disposition τ
- 26 but shall not be transferred on grounds of residency. If the case
- 27 is not transferred, the court having jurisdiction of the offense

- 1 shall try the case.
- 2 (e) Authority to establish or assist in developing a program
- 3 or programs within the county to prevent delinquency and provide
- 4 services to act upon reports submitted to the court related to the
- 5 behavior of a juvenile who does not require formal court
- 6 jurisdiction but otherwise falls within subdivision (a). These
- 7 services shall be used only if the juvenile and his or her parents,
- 8 guardian, or custodian voluntarily accepts them.
- **9** (f) If the court operates a detention home for juveniles
- 10 within the court's jurisdiction under subdivision (a)(1), authority
- 11 to place a juvenile within that home pending trial if the juvenile
- 12 is within the circuit court's jurisdiction under section 606 of the
- 13 revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.606, and if
- 14 the circuit court orders the family division of circuit court in
- 15 the same county to place the juvenile in that home. The family
- 16 division of circuit court shall comply with that order.
- 17 (g) Authority to place a juvenile in a county jail under
- 18 section 27a of chapter IV of the code of criminal procedure, 1927
- 19 PA 175, MCL 764.27a, if the court designates the case under section
- 20 2d of this chapter as a case in which the juvenile is to be tried
- 21 in the same manner as an adult and the court determines there is
- 22 probable cause to believe that the offense was committed and
- 23 probable cause to believe the juvenile committed that offense.
- 24 (h) Jurisdiction over a proceeding under section 2950 or 2950a
- 25 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2950
- 26 and 600.2950a, in which a minor less than 18 years of age is the
- 27 respondent, or a proceeding to enforce a valid foreign protection

- 1 order issued against a respondent who is a minor less than 18 years
- 2 of age. A personal protection order shall not be issued against a
- 3 respondent who is a minor less than 10 years of age. Venue for an
- 4 initial action under section 2950 or 2950a of the revised
- 5 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2950 and 600.2950a, is
- 6 proper in the county of residence of either the petitioner or
- 7 respondent. If the respondent does not live in this state, venue
- 8 for the initial action is proper in the petitioner's county of
- 9 residence.
- (i) In a proceeding under this chapter concerning a juvenile's
- 11 care and supervision, the court may issue orders affecting a party
- 12 as necessary. This subdivision does not apply after May 1, 2018. As
- 13 used in this subdivision, "party" means 1 of the following:
- 14 (i) In a delinquency proceeding, the petitioner and juvenile.
- 15 (ii) In a child protective proceeding, the petitioner,
- 16 department, of human services, child, respondent, parent, guardian,
- 17 or legal custodian, and any licensed child caring institution or
- 18 child placing agency under contract with the department of human
- 19 services—to provide for a juvenile's care and supervision.
- 20 Sec. 2d. (1) In a petition or amended petition alleging that a
- 21 juvenile is within the court's jurisdiction under section 2(a)(1)
- 22 of this chapter for a specified juvenile violation, the prosecuting
- 23 attorney may designate the case as a case in which the juvenile is
- 24 to be tried in the same manner as an adult. An amended petition
- 25 making a designation under this subsection shall be filed only by
- 26 leave of the court.
- **27** (2) In a petition alleging that a juvenile is within the

- 1 court's jurisdiction under section 2(a)(1) of this chapter for an
- 2 offense other than a specified juvenile violation, the prosecuting
- 3 attorney may request that the court designate the case as a case in
- 4 which the juvenile is to be tried in the same manner as an adult.
- 5 The court may designate the case following a hearing if it
- 6 determines that the best interests of the juvenile and the public
- 7 would be served by the juvenile being tried in the same manner as
- 8 an adult. In determining whether the best interests of the juvenile
- 9 and the public would be served, the court shall consider all of the
- 10 following factors, giving greater weight to the seriousness of the
- 11 alleged offense and the juvenile's prior delinquency record than to
- 12 the other factors:
- 13 (a) The seriousness of the alleged offense in terms of
- 14 community protection, including, but not limited to, the existence
- 15 of any aggravating factors recognized by the sentencing guidelines,
- 16 the use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon, and the impact on
- 17 any victim.
- (b) The juvenile's culpability in committing the alleged
- 19 offense, including, but not limited to, the level of the juvenile's
- 20 participation in planning and carrying out the offense and the
- 21 existence of any aggravating or mitigating factors recognized by
- 22 the sentencing guidelines.
- 23 (c) The juvenile's prior record of delinquency, including, but
- 24 not limited to, any record of detention, any police record, any
- 25 school record, or any other evidence indicating prior delinquent
- 26 behavior.
- 27 (d) The juvenile's programming history, including, but not

- 1 limited to, the juvenile's past willingness to participate
- 2 meaningfully in available programming.
- 3 (e) The adequacy of the punishment or programming available in
- 4 the juvenile justice system.
- 5 (f) The dispositional options available for the juvenile.
- 6 (3) If a case is designated under this section, the case shall
- 7 be set for trial in the same manner as the trial of an adult in a
- 8 court of general criminal jurisdiction unless a probable cause
- 9 hearing is required under subsection (4).
- 10 (4) If the petition in a case designated under this section
- 11 alleges an offense that if committed by an adult would be a felony
- 12 or punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, the court shall
- 13 conduct a probable cause hearing not later than 14 days after the
- 14 case is designated to determine whether there is probable cause to
- 15 believe the offense was committed and whether there is probable
- 16 cause to believe the juvenile committed the offense. This hearing
- 17 may be combined with the designation hearing under subsection (2)
- 18 for an offense other than a specified juvenile offense. A probable
- 19 cause hearing under this section is the equivalent of the
- 20 preliminary examination in a court of general criminal jurisdiction
- 21 and satisfies the requirement for that hearing. A probable cause
- 22 hearing shall be conducted by a judge other than the judge who will
- 23 try the case if the juvenile is tried in the same manner as an
- 24 adult.
- 25 (5) If the court determines there is probable cause to believe
- 26 the offense alleged in the petition was committed and probable
- 27 cause to believe the juvenile committed the offense, the case shall

- 1 be set for trial in the same manner as the trial of an adult in a
- 2 court of general criminal jurisdiction.
- 3 (6) If the court determines that an offense did not occur or
- 4 there is not probable cause to believe the juvenile committed the
- 5 offense, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the court
- 6 determines there is probable cause to believe another offense was
- 7 committed and there is probable cause to believe the juvenile
- 8 committed that offense, the court may further determine whether the
- 9 case should be designated as a case in which the juvenile should be
- 10 tried in the same manner as an adult as provided in subsection (2).
- 11 If the court designates the case, the case shall be set for trial
- 12 in the same manner as the trial of an adult in a court of general
- 13 criminal jurisdiction.
- 14 (7) If a case is designated under this section, the
- 15 proceedings are criminal proceedings and shall afford all
- 16 procedural protections and guarantees to which the juvenile would
- 17 be entitled if being tried for the offense in a court of general
- 18 criminal jurisdiction. A plea of guilty or nolo contendere or a
- 19 verdict of guilty shall result in entry of a judgment of
- 20 conviction. The conviction shall have the same effect and
- 21 liabilities as if it had been obtained in a court of general
- 22 criminal jurisdiction.
- 23 (8) Following a judgment of conviction, the court shall enter
- 24 a disposition or impose a sentence authorized under section
- 25 18(1)(n) of this chapter.
- 26 (9) As used in this section, "specified juvenile violation"
- 27 means any of the following:

- 1 (a) A violation of section 72, 83, 86, 89, 91, 316, 317, 349,
- 2 520b, 529, 529a, or 531 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- **3** MCL 750.72, 750.83, 750.86, 750.89, 750.91, 750.316, 750.317,
- 4 750.349, 750.520b, 750.529, 750.529a, and 750.531.
- 5 (b) A violation of section 84 or 110a(2) of the Michigan penal
- 6 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.84 and 750.110a, if the juvenile is
- 7 armed with a dangerous weapon. As used in this subdivision,
- 8 "dangerous weapon" means 1 or more of the following:
- 9 (i) A loaded or unloaded firearm, whether operable or
- 10 inoperable.
- 11 (ii) A knife, stabbing instrument, brass knuckles, blackjack,
- 12 club, or other object specifically designed or customarily carried
- 13 or possessed for use as a weapon.
- 14 (iii) An object that is likely to cause death or bodily injury
- 15 when used as a weapon and that is used as a weapon or carried or
- 16 possessed for use as a weapon.
- (iv) An object or device that is used or fashioned in a manner
- 18 to lead a person to believe the object or device is an object or
- 19 device described in subparagraphs (i) to (iii).
- 20 (c) A violation of section 186a of the Michigan penal code,
- 21 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.186a, regarding escape or attempted escape
- 22 from a juvenile facility, but only if the juvenile facility from
- 23 which the juvenile escaped or attempted to escape was 1 of the
- 24 following:
- 25 (i) A high-security or medium-security facility operated by
- 26 the family independence agency DEPARTMENT or a county juvenile
- 27 agency.

- 1 (ii) A high-security facility operated by a private agency
- 2 under contract with the family independence agency DEPARTMENT or a
- 3 county juvenile agency.
- **4** (d) A violation of section 7401(2)(a)(i) or 7403(2)(a)(i) of
- 5 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403.
- **6** (e) An attempt to commit a violation described in subdivisions
- 7 (a) to (d).
- 8 (f) Conspiracy to commit a violation described in subdivisions
- **9** (a) to (d).
- 10 (g) Solicitation to commit a violation described in
- 11 subdivisions (a) to (d).
- 12 (h) Any lesser included offense of an offense described in
- 13 subdivisions (a) to (g) if the juvenile is alleged in the petition
- 14 to have committed an offense described in subdivisions (a) to (g).
- 15 (i) Any other offense arising out of the same transaction as
- 16 an offense described in subdivisions (a) to (g) if the juvenile is
- 17 alleged in the petition to have committed an offense described in
- 18 subdivisions (a) to (q).
- 19 Sec. 8. The office of county agent is created. The county
- 20 agent is an officer of the court and under the general supervision
- 21 of the judges of the court and shall serve at their pleasure. The
- 22 county agent shall organize, direct and develop the juvenile
- 23 welfare work of the court as authorized by the judge. When
- 24 requested by the superintendent or director, the county agent shall
- 25 supervise juveniles released from public institutions or agencies
- 26 and may perform other juvenile welfare work as requested and with
- 27 the approval of the judge, including services to school-age

- 1 juveniles of the various school districts within the county, after
- 2 consultation and agreement with the county school commissioner and
- 3 the superintendents of schools in a county. With the judge's
- 4 approval, the county agent or his or her assistants shall
- 5 investigate and report on juveniles or families within the county
- 6 as requested by the family independence agency, DEPARTMENT, the
- 7 county juvenile agency, or the superintendent of any state
- 8 institution regarding the welfare of any juvenile. Assistant county
- 9 agents shall perform the duties assigned to them by the county
- 10 agent.
- 11 Sec. 9. The judge of probate in each county may appoint 1 or
- 12 more suitable persons of good character and qualified training or
- 13 experience, other than the county agent or assistants, to act as
- 14 probation officer, who shall receive such-compensation as the board
- 15 of supervisors may appropriate for that purpose, and who, at the
- 16 discretion of the judge, may be authorized and empowered to perform
- 17 county agent duties.
- 18 The judge of probate may also appoint other probation officers
- 19 who shall receive no compensation from the county treasury for the
- 20 duties performed under such THE appointment.
- 21 It shall be IS the duty of the judge of probate to notify the
- 22 state department of social welfare of the appointment of all paid
- 23 probation officers made by him OR HER under the provisions of this
- 24 chapter. All probation officers shall hold office during the
- 25 pleasure of the court and shall report to the said court upon all
- 26 cases under their care.
- 27 Sec. 14. (1) Any local police officer, sheriff or deputy

- 1 sheriff, state police officer, county agent or probation officer of
- 2 any court of record may, without the order of the court,
- 3 immediately take into custody any child who is found violating any
- 4 law or ordinance, or for whom there is reasonable cause to believe
- 5 is violating or has violated a personal protection order issued
- 6 under section 2(h) of this chapter by the court under section 2950
- 7 or 2950a of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL
- 8 600.2950 and 600.2950a, or for whom there is reasonable cause to
- 9 believe is violating or has violated a valid foreign protection
- 10 order. If the officer or county agent takes a child coming within
- 11 the provisions of this chapter into custody, he or she shall
- 12 immediately attempt to notify the parent or parents, guardian, or
- 13 custodian. While awaiting the arrival of the parent or parents,
- 14 guardian, or custodian, a child under the age of 17 years taken
- 15 into custody under the provisions of this chapter shall not be held
- 16 in any detention facility unless the child is completely isolated
- 17 so as to prevent any verbal, visual, or physical contact with any
- 18 adult prisoner. Unless the child requires immediate detention as
- 19 provided for in this act, the officer shall accept the written
- 20 promise of the parent or parents, guardian, or custodian, to bring
- 21 the child to the court at a fixed time. The child shall then be
- 22 released to the custody of the parent or parents, guardian, or
- 23 custodian.
- 24 (2) If a child is not released under subsection (1), the child
- 25 and his or her parents, guardian, or custodian, if they can be
- 26 located, shall immediately be brought before the court for a
- 27 preliminary hearing on the status of the child, and an order signed

- 1 by a judge or a referee authorizing the filing of a complaint shall
- 2 be entered or the child shall be released to his or her parent or
- 3 parents, guardian, or custodian.
- 4 (3) If a complaint is authorized under subsection (2), the
- 5 order shall state where the child is to be placed, pending
- 6 investigation and hearing, which placement may be in any of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (a) In the home of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
- 9 (b) If a child is within the court's jurisdiction under
- 10 section 2(a) of this chapter, in a suitable foster care home
- 11 subject to the court's supervision. Except as otherwise provided in
- 12 subsections (4) and (5), if a child is within the court's
- 13 jurisdiction under section 2(b) of this chapter, the court shall
- 14 not place a child in a foster care home subject to the court's
- 15 supervision.
- 16 (c) In a child care institution or child placing agency
- 17 licensed by the department of human services to receive for care
- 18 children within the jurisdiction of the court.
- 19 (d) In a suitable place of detention.
- 20 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), if a court
- 21 is providing at the time of the enactment of this subsection foster
- 22 care home services subject to the court's supervision to children
- 23 within section 2(b) of this chapter, the court may continue to
- 24 provide those services through December 31, 1989. Beginning January
- 25 1, 1990, the court shall discontinue providing those services.
- 26 (5) If a court located in a county with a population in excess
- 27 of 650,000 is providing at the time of the enactment of this

- 1 subsection foster care home services subject to the court's
- 2 supervision to children within section 2(b) of this chapter, the
- 3 court may continue to provide those services through December 31,
- 4 1991. Beginning January 1, 1992, the court shall discontinue those
- 5 services.
- 6 Sec. 14a. (1) If there is reasonable cause to believe that a
- 7 child is at substantial risk of harm or is in surroundings that
- 8 present an imminent risk of harm and the child's immediate removal
- 9 from those surroundings is necessary to protect the child's health
- 10 and safety, an officer may, without a court order, immediately take
- 11 that child into protective custody. An officer who takes a child
- 12 into protective custody under this section shall immediately notify
- 13 the department. of human services. While awaiting the arrival of
- 14 the department, of human services, the child shall not be held in a
- 15 detention facility.
- 16 (2) If a child taken into protective custody under this
- 17 section is not released, the officer or the department of human
- 18 services—shall immediately contact the designated judge or referee,
- 19 as provided in subsection (3), to seek a court order for placement
- 20 of the child pending a preliminary hearing.
- 21 (3) A judge or referee shall be designated as the contact when
- 22 a placement order is sought for a child in protective custody under
- 23 this section. In accordance with the provisions of section 14b of
- 24 this chapter, if the court is closed, the designated judge or
- 25 referee may, upon receipt electronically or otherwise of a petition
- 26 or affidavit of facts, order placement if the placement order is
- 27 communicated in writing, electronically or otherwise, to the

- 1 appropriate county department office and filed with the court the
- 2 next business day. When a placement order is issued by a designated
- 3 referee, the order shall take effect as an interim order pending a
- 4 preliminary hearing.
- 5 (4) As used in this section, "officer" means a local police
- 6 officer, sheriff or deputy sheriff, state police officer, or county
- 7 agent or probation officer of a court of record.
- 8 Sec. 14b. (1) Upon receipt electronically or otherwise of a
- 9 petition or affidavit of facts, a judge or referee may issue a
- 10 written ex parte order, electronically or otherwise, authorizing
- 11 the department of human services—to immediately take a child into
- 12 protective custody and place the child pending the preliminary
- 13 hearing if the court finds all of the following:
- 14 (a) There is reasonable cause to believe that the child is at
- 15 substantial risk of harm or is in surroundings that present an
- 16 imminent risk of harm and the child's immediate removal from those
- 17 surroundings is necessary to protect the child's health and safety.
- (b) The circumstances warrant issuing an ex parte order
- 19 pending the preliminary hearing.
- 20 (c) Consistent with the circumstances, reasonable efforts were
- 21 made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child.
- 22 (d) No remedy other than protective custody is reasonably
- 23 available to protect the child.
- 24 (e) Continuing to reside in the home is contrary to the
- 25 child's welfare.
- 26 (2) The ex parte order shall be supported by written findings
- **27** of fact.

- 1 Sec. 16. (1) If a juvenile under the age of 17 years is taken
- 2 into custody or detained, the juvenile shall not be confined in any
- 3 police station, prison, jail, lock-up, or reformatory or
- 4 transported with, or compelled or permitted to associate or mingle
- 5 with, criminal or dissolute persons. However, except as otherwise
- 6 provided in section 15(3), (4), and (5) of this chapter, the court
- 7 may order a juvenile 15 years of age or older whose habits or
- 8 conduct are considered a menace to other juveniles, or who may not
- 9 otherwise be safely detained, placed in a jail or other place of
- 10 detention for adults, but in a room or ward separate from adults
- 11 and for not more than 30 days, unless longer detention is necessary
- 12 for the service of process.
- 13 (2) The county board of commissioners in each county or of
- 14 counties contracting together may provide for the diagnosis,
- 15 treatment, care, training, and detention of juveniles in a child
- 16 care home or facility conducted as an agency of the county if the
- 17 home or facility meets licensing standards established under 1973
- **18** PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128. The court or a court-approved
- 19 agency may arrange for the boarding of juveniles in any of the
- 20 following:
- 21 (a) If a juvenile is within the court's jurisdiction under
- 22 section 2(a) of this chapter, a suitable foster care home subject
- 23 to the court's supervision. If a juvenile is within the court's
- 24 jurisdiction under section 2(b) of this chapter, the court shall
- 25 not place a juvenile in a foster care home subject to the court's
- 26 supervision.
- **27** (b) A child caring institution or child placing agency

- 1 licensed by the department of consumer and industry services to
- 2 receive for care juveniles within the court's jurisdiction.
- 3 (c) If in a room or ward separate and apart from adult
- 4 criminals, the county jail for juveniles over 17 years of age
- 5 within the court's jurisdiction.
- **6** (3) If a detention home or facility is established as an
- 7 agency of the county, the judge may appoint a superintendent and
- 8 other necessary employees for the home or facility who shall
- 9 receive compensation as provided by the county board of
- 10 commissioners of the county. This section does not alter or
- 11 diminish the legal responsibility of the family independence agency
- **12 DEPARTMENT** or a county juvenile agency to receive juveniles
- 13 committed by the court.
- 14 (4) If the court under subsection (2) arranges for the board
- 15 of juveniles temporarily detained in private homes or in a child
- 16 caring institution or child placing agency, a reasonable sum fixed
- 17 by the court for their board shall be paid by the county treasurer
- 18 as provided in section 25 of this chapter.
- 19 (5) A court shall not provide foster care home services
- 20 subject to the court's supervision to juveniles within section 2(b)
- 21 of this chapter.
- 22 (6) A juvenile detention home described in subsection (3)
- 23 shall be operated under the direction of the county board of
- 24 commissioners or, in a county that has an elected county executive,
- 25 under the county executive's direction. However, a A different
- 26 method for directing the operation of a detention home may be
- 27 agreed to in any county by the chief judge of the circuit court in

- 1 that county and the county board of commissioners or, in a county
- 2 that has an elected county executive, the county executive.
- 3 Sec. 17. (1) The court may conduct a hearing other than a
- 4 criminal hearing in an informal manner. The court shall require
- 5 stenographic notes or another transcript to be taken of the
- 6 hearing. The court shall adjourn a hearing or grant a continuance
- 7 regarding a case under section 2(b) of this chapter only for good
- 8 cause with factual findings on the record and not solely upon
- 9 stipulation of counsel or for the convenience of a party. In
- 10 addition to a factual finding of good cause, the court shall not
- 11 adjourn the hearing or grant a continuance unless 1 of the
- 12 following is also true:
- 13 (a) The motion for the adjournment or continuance is made in
- 14 writing not less than 14 days before the hearing.
- 15 (b) The court grants the adjournment or continuance upon its
- 16 own motion after taking into consideration the child's best
- 17 interests. An adjournment or continuance granted under this
- 18 subdivision shall not last more than 28 days unless the court
- 19 states on the record the specific reasons why a longer adjournment
- 20 or continuance is necessary.
- 21 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in a
- 22 hearing other than a criminal trial under this chapter, a person
- 23 interested in the hearing may demand a jury of 6 individuals, or
- 24 the court, on its own motion, may order a jury of 6 individuals to
- 25 try the case. In a proceeding under section 2(h) of this chapter, a
- 26 jury shall not be demanded or ordered on a supplemental petition
- 27 alleging a violation of a personal protection order. In a criminal

- 1 trial, a jury may be demanded as provided by law. The jury shall be
- 2 summoned and impaneled in accordance with chapter 13 of the revised
- 3 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1300 to 600.1376, and,
- 4 in the case of a criminal trial, as provided in chapter VIII of the
- 5 code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 768.1 to 768.36.
- 6 (3) A parent, guardian, or other custodian of a juvenile held
- 7 under this chapter has the right to give bond or other security for
- 8 the appearance of the juvenile at the hearing of the case.
- **9** (4) The prosecuting attorney shall appear for the people when
- 10 requested by the court, and in a proceeding under section 2(a)(1)
- 11 of this chapter, the prosecuting attorney shall appear if the
- 12 proceeding requires a hearing and the taking of testimony.
- 13 (5) In a proceeding under section 2(b) of this chapter, upon
- 14 request of the family independence agency DEPARTMENT or an agent of
- 15 the family independence agency DEPARTMENT under contract with the
- 16 family independence agency, DEPARTMENT, the prosecuting attorney
- 17 shall serve as a legal consultant to the family independence agency
- 18 DEPARTMENT or its agent at all stages of the proceeding. If in a
- 19 proceeding under section 2(b) of this chapter the prosecuting
- 20 attorney does not appear on behalf of the family independence
- 21 agency DEPARTMENT or its agent, the family independence agency
- 22 DEPARTMENT may contract with an attorney of its choice for legal
- 23 representation.
- 24 (6) A member of a local foster care review board established
- 25 under 1984 PA 422, MCL 722.131 to 722.139a, shall be admitted to a
- 26 hearing under subsection (1).
- **27** (7) Upon motion of a party or a victim, the court may close

- 1 the hearing of a case brought under this chapter to members of the
- 2 general public during the testimony of a juvenile witness or the
- 3 victim if the court finds that closing the hearing is necessary to
- 4 protect the welfare of the juvenile witness or the victim. In
- 5 determining whether closing the hearing is necessary to protect the
- 6 welfare of the juvenile witness or the victim, the court shall
- 7 consider the following:
- 8 (a) The age of the juvenile witness or the victim.
- **9** (b) The nature of the proceeding.
- 10 (c) The desire of the juvenile witness, of the witness's
- 11 family or guardian, or of the victim to have the testimony taken in
- 12 a room closed to the public.
- 13 (8) As used in subsection (7), "juvenile witness" does not
- 14 include a juvenile against whom a proceeding is brought under
- 15 section 2(a)(1) of this chapter.
- Sec. 17b. (1) As used in this section:
- 17 (a) "Custodian of the videorecorded statement" means the
- 18 family independence agency, DEPARTMENT, investigating law
- 19 enforcement agency, prosecuting attorney, or department of attorney
- 20 general or another person designated under the county protocols
- 21 established as required by section 8 of the child protection law,
- 22 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628.
- 23 (b) "Developmental disability" means that term as defined in
- 24 section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a,
- 25 except that, for the purposes of implementing this section,
- 26 developmental disability includes only a condition that is
- 27 attributable to a mental impairment or to a combination of mental

- 1 and physical impairments, and does not include a condition
- 2 attributable to a physical impairment unaccompanied by a mental
- 3 impairment.
- 4 (c) "Videorecorded statement" means a witness's statement
- 5 taken by a custodian of the videorecorded statement as provided in
- 6 subsection (5). Videorecorded statement does not include a
- 7 videorecorded deposition taken as provided in subsections (16) and
- **8** (17).
- 9 (d) "Witness" means an alleged victim of an offense listed
- 10 under subsection (2) who is either of the following:
- 11 (i) A person under 16 years of age.
- (ii) A person 16 years of age or older with a developmental
- 13 disability.
- 14 (2) This section only applies to either of the following:
- 15 (a) A proceeding brought under section 2(a)(1) of this chapter
- 16 in which the alleged offense, if committed by an adult, would be a
- 17 felony under section 136b, 145c, 520b to 520e, or 520g of the
- 18 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, 750.145c, 750.520b
- 19 to 750.520e, and 750.520g, or under former section 136 or 136a of
- 20 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328.
- 21 (b) A proceeding brought under section 2(b) of this chapter.
- 22 (3) If pertinent, the witness shall be permitted the use of
- 23 dolls or mannequins, including, but not limited to, anatomically
- 24 correct dolls or mannequins, to assist the witness in testifying on
- 25 direct and cross-examination.
- 26 (4) A witness who is called upon to testify shall be permitted
- 27 to have a support person sit with, accompany, or be in close

- 1 proximity to the witness during his or her testimony. A notice of
- 2 intent to use a support person shall name the support person,
- 3 identify the relationship the support person has with the witness,
- 4 and give notice to all parties to the proceeding that the witness
- 5 may request that the named support person sit with the witness when
- 6 the witness is called upon to testify during any stage of the
- 7 proceeding. The notice of intent to use a named support person
- 8 shall be filed with the court and shall be served upon all parties
- 9 to the proceeding. The court shall rule on a motion objecting to
- 10 the use of a named support person before the date at which the
- 11 witness desires to use the support person.
- 12 (5) A custodian of the videorecorded statement may take a
- 13 witness's videorecorded statement. The videorecorded statement
- 14 shall be admitted at all proceedings except the adjudication stage
- 15 instead of the live testimony of the witness. The videorecorded
- 16 statement shall state the date and time that the statement was
- 17 taken; shall identify the persons present in the room and state
- 18 whether they were present for the entire videorecording or only a
- 19 portion of the videorecording; and shall show a time clock that is
- 20 running during the taking of the statement.
- 21 (6) In a videorecorded statement, the questioning of the
- 22 witness should be full and complete; shall be in accordance with
- 23 the forensic interview protocol implemented as required by section
- 24 8 of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628; and, if
- 25 appropriate for the witness's developmental level, shall include,
- 26 but need not be limited to, all of the following areas:
- (a) The time and date of the alleged offense or offenses.

- 1 (b) The location and area of the alleged offense or offenses.
- 2 (c) The relationship, if any, between the witness and the
- 3 respondent.
- 4 (d) The details of the offense or offenses.
- 5 (e) The names of other persons known to the witness who may
- 6 have personal knowledge of the offense or offenses.
- 7 (7) A custodian of the videorecorded statement may release or
- 8 consent to the release or use of a videorecorded statement or
- 9 copies of a videorecorded statement to a law enforcement agency, an
- 10 agency authorized to prosecute the criminal case to which the
- 11 videorecorded statement relates, or an entity that is part of
- 12 county protocols established under section 8 of the child
- 13 protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628. Each respondent and, if
- 14 represented, his or her attorney has the right to view and hear the
- 15 videorecorded statement at a reasonable time before it is offered
- 16 into evidence. In preparation for a court proceeding and under
- 17 protective conditions, including, but not limited to, a prohibition
- 18 on the copying, release, display, or circulation of the
- 19 videorecorded statement, the court may order that a copy of the
- 20 videorecorded statement be given to the defense.
- 21 (8) If authorized by the prosecuting attorney in the county in
- 22 which the videorecorded statement was taken, a videorecorded
- 23 statement may be used for purposes of training the custodians of
- 24 the videorecorded statement in that county on the forensic
- 25 interview protocol implemented as required by section 8 of the
- 26 child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628.
- 27 (9) Except as provided in this section, an individual,

- 1 including, but not limited to, a custodian of the videorecorded
- 2 statement, the witness, or the witness's parent, guardian, guardian
- 3 ad litem, or attorney, shall not release or consent to release a
- 4 videorecorded statement or a copy of a videorecorded statement.
- 5 (10) A videorecorded statement that becomes part of the court
- 6 record is subject to a protective order of the court for the
- 7 purpose of protecting the privacy of the witness.
- 8 (11) A videorecorded statement shall not be copied or
- 9 reproduced in any manner except as provided in this section. A
- 10 videorecorded statement is exempt from disclosure under the freedom
- 11 of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, is not
- 12 subject to release under another statute, and is not subject to
- 13 disclosure under the Michigan court rules governing discovery. This
- 14 section does not prohibit the production or release of a transcript
- 15 of a videorecorded statement.
- 16 (12) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15), if, upon
- 17 the motion of a party or in the court's discretion, the court finds
- 18 on the record that psychological harm to the witness would occur if
- 19 the witness were to testify in the presence of the respondent at a
- 20 court proceeding or in a videorecorded deposition taken as provided
- 21 in subsection (13), the court shall order that the witness during
- 22 his or her testimony be shielded from viewing the respondent in
- 23 such a manner as to enable the respondent to consult with his or
- 24 her attorney and to see and hear the testimony of the witness
- 25 without the witness being able to see the respondent.
- 26 (13) In a proceeding brought under section 2(b) of this
- 27 chapter, if, upon the motion of a party or in the court's

- 1 discretion, the court finds on the record that psychological harm
- 2 to the witness would occur if the witness were to testify at the
- 3 adjudication stage, the court shall order to be taken a
- 4 videorecorded deposition of a witness that shall be admitted into
- 5 evidence at the adjudication stage instead of the live testimony of
- 6 the witness. The examination and cross-examination of the witness
- 7 in the videorecorded deposition shall proceed in the same manner as
- 8 permitted at the adjudication stage.
- 9 (14) In a proceeding brought under section 2(a)(1) of this
- 10 chapter in which the alleged offense, if committed by an adult,
- 11 would be a felony under section 136b, 145c, 520b to 520e, or 520g
- 12 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, 750.145c,
- 13 750.520b to 750.520e, and 750.520g, or under former section 136 or
- 14 136a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, if, upon the motion
- 15 of a party made before the adjudication stage, the court finds on
- 16 the record that the special arrangements specified in subsection
- 17 (15) are necessary to protect the welfare of the witness, the court
- 18 shall order 1 or both of those special arrangements. In determining
- 19 whether it is necessary to protect the welfare of the witness, the
- 20 court shall consider both of the following:
- 21 (a) The age of the witness.
- 22 (b) The nature of the offense or offenses.
- 23 (15) If the court determines on the record that it is
- 24 necessary to protect the welfare of the witness and grants the
- 25 motion made under subsection (14), the court shall order 1 or both
- 26 of the following:
- 27 (a) In order to protect the witness from directly viewing the

- 1 respondent, the courtroom shall be arranged so that the respondent
- 2 is seated as far from the witness stand as is reasonable and not
- 3 directly in front of the witness stand. The respondent's position
- 4 shall be located so as to allow the respondent to hear and see all
- 5 witnesses and be able to communicate with his or her attorney.
- 6 (b) A questioner's stand or podium shall be used for all
- 7 questioning of all witnesses by all parties, and shall be located
- 8 in front of the witness stand.
- 9 (16) In a proceeding brought under section 2(a)(1) of this
- 10 chapter in which the alleged offense, if committed by an adult,
- 11 would be a felony under section 136b, 145c, 520b to 520e, or 520g
- 12 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, 750.145c,
- 13 750.520b to 750.520e, and 750.520g, or under former section 136 or
- 14 136a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, if, upon the motion
- 15 of a party or in the court's discretion, the court finds on the
- 16 record that the witness is or will be psychologically or
- 17 emotionally unable to testify at a court proceeding even with the
- 18 benefit of the protections afforded the witness in subsections (3),
- 19 (4), and (15), the court shall order that a videorecorded
- 20 deposition of a witness shall be taken to be admitted at the
- 21 adjudication stage instead of the witness's live testimony.
- 22 (17) For purposes of the videorecorded deposition under
- 23 subsection (16), the witness's examination and cross-examination
- 24 shall proceed in the same manner as if the witness testified at the
- 25 adjudication stage, and the court shall order that the witness,
- 26 during his or her testimony, shall not be confronted by the
- 27 respondent but shall permit the respondent to hear the testimony of

- 1 the witness and to consult with his or her attorney.
- 2 (18) This section is in addition to other protections or
- 3 procedures afforded to a witness by law or court rule.
- 4 (19) A person who intentionally releases a videorecorded
- 5 statement in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
- 6 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of
- 7 not more than \$500.00, or both.
- 8 Sec. 18k. (1) An individual shall provide samples for chemical
- 9 testing for DNA identification profiling or a determination of the
- 10 sample's genetic markers and shall provide samples for chemical
- 11 testing for a determination of his or her secretor status if any of
- the following apply:
- 13 (a) The individual is arrested for committing or attempting to
- 14 commit an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult.
- 15 (b) The individual is convicted of, or found responsible for,
- 16 a felony or attempted felony, or any of the following misdemeanors,
- 17 or local ordinances that are substantially corresponding to the
- 18 following misdemeanors:
- 19 (i) A violation of section 167(1)(c), (f), or (i) of the
- 20 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.167, disorderly person by
- 21 window peeping, engaging in indecent or obscene conduct in public,
- 22 or loitering in a house of ill fame or prostitution.
- 23 (ii) A violation of section 335a(1) of the Michigan penal
- 24 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.335a, indecent exposure.
- 25 (iii) A violation punishable under section 451(1) or (2) of
- 26 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.451, first and second
- 27 prostitution violations.

- 1 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), if at the time the
- 2 individual is arrested for the offense the investigating law
- 3 enforcement agency or the department of state police already has a
- 4 sample from the individual that meets the requirements of the DNA
- 5 identification profiling system act, 1990 PA 250, MCL 28.171 to
- 6 28.176, the individual is not required to provide another sample or
- 7 pay the assessment required under subsection (4).
- 8 (3) The samples required to be collected under this section
- 9 shall be collected by the investigating law enforcement agency and
- 10 transmitted by the investigating law enforcement agency to the
- 11 department of state police in the manner prescribed under the DNA
- 12 identification profiling system act, 1990 PA 250, MCL 28.171 to
- 13 28.176, when a petition is filed or the court issues a summons.
- 14 (4) The court shall order each individual found responsible
- 15 for or convicted of 1 or more crimes listed in subsection (1) to
- 16 pay an assessment of \$60.00. The assessment required under this
- 17 subsection is in addition to any fine, costs, or other assessments
- 18 imposed by the court.
- 19 (5) An assessment required under subsection (4) shall be
- 20 ordered upon the record —and shall be listed separately in the
- 21 adjudication order, judgment of sentence, or order of probation.
- 22 (6) After reviewing a verified petition by an individual
- 23 against whom an assessment is imposed under subsection (4), the
- 24 court may suspend payment of all or part of the assessment if it
- 25 determines the individual is unable to pay the assessment.
- 26 (7) The court that imposes the assessment prescribed under
- 27 subsection (4) may retain 10% of all assessments or portions of

- 1 assessments collected for costs incurred under this section and
- 2 shall transmit that money to its funding unit. On the last day of
- 3 each month, the clerk of the court shall transmit the assessments
- 4 or portions of assessments collected under this section as follows:
- 5 (a) Twenty-five percent to the county sheriff or other
- 6 investigating law enforcement agency that collected the DNA sample
- 7 as designated by the court to defray the costs of collecting DNA
- 8 samples.
- 9 (b) Sixty-five percent to the state treasurer for deposit in
- 10 the justice system fund created in section 181 of the revised
- 11 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.181.
- 12 (8) The department of human services or a county juvenile
- 13 agency, investigating law enforcement agency, prosecuting agency,
- 14 or court that has in its possession a DNA identification profile
- 15 obtained from a sample of an individual arrested for an offense
- 16 described in subsection (1) shall forward the DNA identification
- 17 profile to the department of state police when a petition is filed
- 18 or the court issues a summons unless the department of state police
- 19 already has a DNA identification profile of the individual.
- 20 (9) As used in this section:
- 21 (a) "DNA identification profile" and "DNA identification
- 22 profiling" mean those terms as defined in section 2 of the DNA
- 23 identification profiling system act, 1990 PA 250, MCL 28.172.
- 24 (b) "Felony" means a violation of a penal law of this state
- 25 for which the offender may be punished by imprisonment for more
- 26 than 1 year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a
- 27 felony.

- 1 (c) "Investigating law enforcement agency" means the law
- 2 enforcement agency responsible for the investigation of the offense
- 3 for which the individual is arrested, convicted, or found
- 4 responsible. Investigating law enforcement agency does not include
- 5 a probation officer employed by the department of corrections.
- 6 (d) "Sample" means a portion of an individual's blood, saliva,
- 7 or tissue collected from the individual.
- 8 Sec. 18s. (1) If the juvenile is incompetent to proceed but
- 9 the court finds that the juvenile may be restored to competency in
- 10 the foreseeable future, 1 of the following applies:
- 11 (a) If the offense is a traffic offense or a misdemeanor other
- 12 than a serious misdemeanor, the matter shall be dismissed.
- 13 (b) If the offense is a serious misdemeanor, the court may
- 14 dismiss the matter or suspend the proceedings against the juvenile.
- 15 (c) If the offense is a felony, the proceedings against the
- 16 juvenile shall be further suspended.
- 17 (2) If proceedings are suspended because the juvenile is
- 18 incompetent to proceed but the court finds that the juvenile may be
- 19 restored to competency in the foreseeable future, all of the
- 20 following apply:
- 21 (a) Before issuing a restoration order, the court shall hold a
- 22 hearing to determine the least restrictive environment for
- 23 completion of the restoration.
- 24 (b) The court may issue a restoration order that is valid for
- 25 60 days from the date of the initial finding of incompetency or
- 26 until 1 of the following occurs, whichever occurs first:
- 27 (i) The qualified juvenile forensic mental health examiner,

- 1 based on information provided by the qualified restoration
- 2 provider, submits a report that the juvenile has regained
- 3 competency or that there is no substantial probability that the
- 4 juvenile will regain competency within the period of the order.
- 5 (ii) The charges are dismissed.
- 6 (iii) The juvenile reaches 18 years of age.
- 7 (c) Following issuance of the restoration order, the qualified
- 8 restoration provider shall submit a report to the court and the
- 9 qualified juvenile forensic mental health examiner that includes
- 10 the information required under section 18p of this chapter. The
- 11 report shall be submitted to the court and the qualified juvenile
- 12 forensic mental health examiner every 30 days, or sooner if and at
- 13 the time either of the following occurs:
- (i) The qualified restoration provider determines that the
- 15 juvenile is no longer incompetent to proceed.
- (ii) The qualified restoration provider determines that there
- 17 is no substantial probability that the juvenile will be competent
- 18 to proceed within the period of the order.
- 19 (3) Not later than 14 days before the expiration of the
- 20 initial 60-day order, the qualified restoration provider may
- 21 recommend to the court and the qualified juvenile forensic mental
- 22 health examiner that the restoration order be renewed by the court
- 23 for another 60 days, if there is a substantial probability that the
- 24 juvenile will not be incompetent to proceed within the period of
- 25 that renewed restoration order. The restoration order and any
- 26 renewed restoration order shall not exceed a total of 120 days.
- 27 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon receipt

- 1 of a report that there is a substantial probability that the
- 2 juvenile will remain incompetent to proceed for the foreseeable
- 3 future or within the period of the restoration order, the court
- 4 shall do both of the following:
- 5 (a) Determine custody of the juvenile as follows:
- 6 (i) The court may direct that civil commitment proceedings be
- 7 initiated, as allowed under section 498d of the mental health code,
- **8** MCL 330.1498d.
- 9 (ii) If the court determines that commitment proceedings are
- 10 inappropriate, the juvenile shall be released to the juvenile's
- 11 parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian under conditions
- 12 considered appropriate to the court.
- 13 (b) Dismiss the charges against the juvenile.
- 14 (5) Upon receipt of a report from a qualified juvenile
- 15 forensic mental health examiner that there is a substantial
- 16 probability that the juvenile is unable to be restored due to
- 17 serious emotional disturbance, the court may in its discretion,
- 18 except as provided under the youth rehabilitation services act,
- 19 1974 PA 150, MCL 803.301 to 803.309, order that mental health
- 20 services be provided to the juvenile by the department, of
- 21 community health, subject to the availability of inpatient care, a
- 22 community mental health services program, the department of human
- 23 services, a county department, of human services, or another
- 24 appropriate mental health services provider for a period not to
- 25 exceed 60 days. The court shall retain jurisdiction over the
- 26 juvenile throughout the duration of the order. The entity ordered
- 27 to provide services under this subsection shall continue to provide

- 1 services for the duration of the period of treatment ordered by the
- 2 court.
- **3** (6) Not later than 14 days before the expiration of an order
- 4 for treatment under this subsection or subsection (5), the entity
- 5 providing mental health services under that order shall submit a
- 6 report to the court and the qualified juvenile forensic mental
- 7 health examiner regarding the juvenile. Upon receipt of the report,
- 8 the court shall review the report and do either of the following:
- 9 (a) Renew the order for another period of treatment not to
- 10 exceed 60 days. The order for treatment and any renewed order shall
- 11 not exceed a total of 120 days.
- 12 (b) Determine custody of the juvenile and dismiss the charges
- 13 against the juvenile.
- 14 (7) The department of community health shall maintain a record
- 15 of the number of juveniles for whom the court ordered that mental
- 16 health services be provided under subsection (5) or (6).
- 17 Sec. 19a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), if a child remains in
- 18 foster care and parental rights to the child have not been
- 19 terminated, the court shall conduct a permanency planning hearing
- 20 within 12 months after the child was removed from his or her home.
- 21 Subsequent permanency planning hearings shall be held no later than
- 22 every 12 months after each preceding permanency planning hearing
- 23 during the continuation of foster care. If proper notice for a
- 24 permanency planning hearing is provided, a permanency planning
- 25 hearing may be combined with a review hearing held under section
- 26 19(2) to (4) of this chapter, but no later than 12 months from the
- 27 removal of the child from his or her home, from the preceding

- 1 permanency planning hearing, or from the number of days required
- 2 under subsection (2). A permanency planning hearing shall not be
- 3 canceled or delayed beyond the number of months required by this
- 4 subsection or days as required under subsection (2), regardless of
- 5 whether there is a petition for termination of parental rights
- 6 pending.
- 7 (2) The court shall conduct a permanency planning hearing
- 8 within 30 days after there is a judicial determination that
- 9 reasonable efforts to reunite the child and family are not
- 10 required. Reasonable efforts to reunify the child and family must
- 11 be made in all cases except if any of the following apply:
- 12 (a) There is a judicial determination that the parent has
- 13 subjected the child to aggravated circumstances as provided in
- 14 section 18(1) and (2) of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL
- **15** 722.638.
- 16 (b) The parent has been convicted of 1 or more of the
- 17 following:
- 18 (i) Murder of another child of the parent.
- (ii) Voluntary manslaughter of another child of the parent.
- 20 (iii) Aiding or abetting in the murder of another child of the
- 21 parent or voluntary manslaughter of another child of the parent,
- 22 the attempted murder of the child or another child of the parent,
- 23 or the conspiracy or solicitation to commit the murder of the child
- 24 or another child of the parent.
- (iv) A felony assault that results in serious bodily injury to
- 26 the child or another child of the parent.
- (c) The parent has had rights to the child's siblings

- involuntarily terminated.
- 2 (d) The parent is required by court order to register under
- 3 the sex offenders registration act.
- 4 (3) A permanency planning hearing shall be conducted to review
- 5 the status of the child and the progress being made toward the
- 6 child's return home or to show why the child should not be placed
- 7 in the permanent custody of the court. The court shall obtain the
- 8 child's views regarding the permanency plan in a manner that is
- 9 appropriate to the child's age. In the case of a child who will not
- 10 be returned home, the court shall consider in-state and out-of-
- 11 state placement options. In the case of a child placed out-of-
- 12 state, OUT OF STATE, the court shall determine whether the out-of-
- 13 state placement continues to be appropriate and in the child's best
- 14 interests. The court shall ensure that the agency is providing
- 15 appropriate services to assist a child who will transition from
- 16 foster care to independent living.
- 17 (4) Not less than 14 days before a permanency planning
- 18 hearing, written notice of the hearing and a statement of the
- 19 purposes of the hearing, including a notice that the hearing may
- 20 result in further proceedings to terminate parental rights, shall
- 21 be served upon all of the following:
- 22 (a) The agency. The agency shall advise the child of the
- 23 hearing if the child is 11 years of age or older.
- 24 (b) The foster parent or custodian of the child.
- 25 (c) If the parental rights to the child have not been
- 26 terminated, the child's parents.
- (d) If the child has a guardian, the guardian for the child.

- 1 (e) If the child has a guardian ad litem, the guardian ad
- 2 litem for the child.
- 3 (f) If tribal affiliation has been determined, the elected
- 4 leader of the Indian tribe.
- 5 (g) The attorney for the child, the attorneys for each party,
- 6 and the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has
- 7 appeared in the case.
- 8 (h) If the child is 11 years of age or older, the child.
- 9 (i) Other persons as the court may direct.
- 10 (5) If parental rights to the child have not been terminated
- 11 and the court determines at a permanency planning hearing that the
- 12 return of the child to his or her parent would not cause a
- 13 substantial risk of harm to the child's life, physical health, or
- 14 mental well-being, the court shall order the child returned to his
- 15 or her parent. In determining whether the return of the child would
- 16 cause a substantial risk of harm to the child, the court shall view
- 17 the failure of the parent to substantially comply with the terms
- 18 and conditions of the case service plan prepared under section 18f
- 19 of this chapter as evidence that return of the child to his or her
- 20 parent would cause a substantial risk of harm to the child's life,
- 21 physical health, or mental well-being. In addition to considering
- 22 conduct of the parent as evidence of substantial risk of harm, the
- 23 court shall consider any condition or circumstance of the child
- 24 that may be evidence that a return to the parent would cause a
- 25 substantial risk of harm to the child's life, physical health, or
- 26 mental well-being.
- 27 (6) If the court determines at a permanency planning hearing

- 1 that a child should not be returned to his or her parent, the court
- 2 may order the agency to initiate proceedings to terminate parental
- 3 rights. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the
- 4 child has been in foster care under the responsibility of the state
- 5 for 15 of the most recent 22 months, the court shall order the
- 6 agency to initiate proceedings to terminate parental rights. The
- 7 court is not required to order the agency to initiate proceedings
- 8 to terminate parental rights if 1 or more of the following apply:
- 9 (a) The child is being cared for by relatives.
- 10 (b) The case service plan documents a compelling reason for
- 11 determining that filing a petition to terminate parental rights
- 12 would not be in the best interest of the child. Compelling reasons
- 13 for not filing a petition to terminate parental rights include, but
- 14 are not limited to, all of the following:
- 15 (i) Adoption is not the appropriate permanency goal for the
- 16 child.
- (ii) No grounds to file a petition to terminate parental
- 18 rights exist.
- 19 (iii) The child is an unaccompanied refugee minor as defined
- 20 in 45 CFR 400.11.
- (iv) There are international legal obligations or compelling
- 22 foreign policy reasons that preclude terminating parental rights.
- (c) The state has not provided the child's family, consistent
- 24 with the time period in the case service plan, with the services
- 25 the state considers necessary for the child's safe return to his or
- 26 her home, if reasonable efforts are required.
- **27** (7) If the agency demonstrates under subsection (6) that

- 1 initiating the termination of parental rights to the child is
- 2 clearly not in the child's best interests, or the court does not
- 3 order the agency to initiate termination of parental rights to the
- 4 child under subsection (6), then the court shall order 1 or more of
- 5 the following alternative placement plans:
- 6 (a) If the court determines that other permanent placement is
- 7 not possible, the child's placement in foster care shall continue
- 8 for a limited period to be stated by the court.
- 9 (b) If the court determines that it is in the child's best
- 10 interests based upon compelling reasons, the child's placement in
- 11 foster care may continue on a long-term basis.
- 12 (c) Subject to subsection (9), if the court determines that it
- 13 is in the child's best interests, appoint a guardian for the child,
- 14 which guardianship may continue until the child is emancipated.
- 15 (8) A guardian appointed under subsection (7)(c) has all of
- 16 the powers and duties set forth under section 15 of the estates and
- 17 protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5215.
- 18 (9) If a child is placed in a guardian's or a proposed
- 19 guardian's home under subsection (7)(c), the court shall order the
- 20 department of human services to perform an investigation and file a
- 21 written report of the investigation for a review under subsection
- 22 (10) and the court shall order the department of human services to
- 23 do all of the following:
- 24 (a) Perform a criminal record check within 7 days.
- 25 (b) Perform a central registry clearance within 7 days.
- (c) Perform a home study and file a copy of the home study
- 27 with the court within 30 days unless a home study has been

- 1 performed within the immediately preceding 365 days, under section
- 2 13a(10) of this chapter. If a home study has been performed within
- 3 the immediately preceding 365 days, a copy of that home study shall
- 4 be submitted to the court.
- 5 (10) The court's jurisdiction over a juvenile under section
- 6 2(b) of this chapter shall be terminated after the court appoints a
- 7 guardian under this section and conducts a review hearing under
- 8 section 19 of this chapter, unless the juvenile is released sooner
- 9 by the court.
- 10 (11) The court's jurisdiction over a guardianship created
- 11 under this section shall continue until released by court order.
- 12 The court shall review a guardianship created under this section
- 13 annually and may conduct additional reviews as the court considers
- 14 necessary. The court may order the department of human services or
- 15 a court employee to conduct an investigation and file a written
- 16 report of the investigation.
- 17 (12) In making the determinations under this section, the
- 18 court shall consider any written or oral information concerning the
- 19 child from the child's parent, quardian, custodian, foster parent,
- 20 child caring institution, relative with whom the child is placed,
- 21 or guardian ad litem in addition to any other evidence, including
- 22 the appropriateness of parenting time, offered at the hearing.
- 23 (13) The court may, on its own motion or upon petition from
- 24 the department of human services or the child's lawyer guardian ad
- 25 litem, hold a hearing to determine whether a guardianship appointed
- 26 under this section shall be revoked.
- 27 (14) A guardian may petition the court for permission to

- terminate the guardianship. A petition may include a request forappointment of a successor guardian.
- **3** (15) After notice and hearing on a petition for revocation or
- 4 permission to terminate the guardianship, if the court finds by a
- 5 preponderance of evidence that continuation of the guardianship is
- 6 not in the child's best interests, the court shall revoke or
- 7 terminate the guardianship and appoint a successor guardian or
- 8 restore temporary legal custody to the department. of human
- 9 services.
- Sec. 19c. (1) Except as provided in section 19(4) of this
- 11 chapter and subject to subsection (14), if a child remains in
- 12 placement following the termination of parental rights to the
- 13 child, the court shall conduct a review hearing not more than 91
- 14 days after the termination of parental rights and no later than
- 15 every 91 days after that hearing for the first year following
- 16 termination of parental rights to the child. If a child remains in
- 17 a placement for more than 1 year following termination of parental
- 18 rights to the child, a review hearing shall be held no later than
- 19 182 days from the immediately preceding review hearing before the
- 20 end of the first year and no later than every 182 days from each
- 21 preceding review hearing thereafter until the case is dismissed. A
- 22 review hearing under this subsection shall not be canceled or
- 23 delayed beyond the number of days required in this subsection,
- 24 regardless of whether any other matters are pending. Upon motion by
- 25 any party or in the court's discretion, a review hearing may be
- 26 accelerated to review any element of the case. The court shall
- 27 conduct the first permanency planning hearing within 12 months from

- 1 the date that the child was originally removed from the home.
- 2 Subsequent permanency planning hearings shall be held within 12
- 3 months of the preceding permanency planning hearing. If proper
- 4 notice for a permanency planning hearing is provided, a permanency
- 5 planning hearing may be combined with a review hearing held under
- 6 section 19(2) to (4) of this chapter. A permanency planning hearing
- 7 under this section shall not be canceled or delayed beyond the
- 8 number of months required in this subsection, regardless of whether
- 9 any other matters are pending. At a hearing under this section, the
- 10 court shall review all of the following:
- 11 (a) The appropriateness of the permanency planning goal for
- 12 the child.
- 13 (b) The appropriateness of the child's placement.
- 14 (c) The reasonable efforts being made to place the child for
- 15 adoption or in other permanent placement in a timely manner.
- 16 (2) Subject to subsection (3), if the court determines that it
- 17 is in the child's best interests, the court may appoint a guardian
- 18 for the child.
- 19 (3) The court shall not appoint a guardian for the child
- 20 without the written consent of the MCI superintendent or his or her
- 21 designee. The MCI superintendent or his or her designee shall
- 22 consult with the child's lawyer guardian ad litem when considering
- 23 whether to grant written consent.
- 24 (4) If a person believes that the decision to withhold the
- 25 consent required in subsection (3) is arbitrary or capricious, the
- 26 person may file a motion with the court. A motion under this
- 27 subsection shall contain information regarding both of the

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- 1 following:
- 2 (a) The specific steps taken by the person to obtain the
- 3 consent required and the results, if any.
- 4 (b) The specific reasons why the person believes that the
- 5 decision to withhold consent was arbitrary or capricious.
- **6** (5) If a motion is filed under subsection (4), the court shall
- 7 set a hearing date and provide notice to the MCI superintendent,
- 8 the foster parents, the prospective guardian, the child, and the
- 9 child's lawyer quardian ad litem.
- 10 (6) Subject to subsection (8), if a hearing is held under
- 11 subsection (5) and the court finds by clear and convincing evidence
- 12 that the decision to withhold consent was arbitrary or capricious,
- 13 the court may approve the guardianship without the consent of the
- 14 MCI superintendent.
- 15 (7) A quardian appointed under this section has all of the
- 16 powers and duties set forth under section 15 of the estates and
- 17 protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5215.
- 18 (8) If a child is placed in a guardian's or a proposed
- 19 quardian's home under subsection (2) or (6), the court shall order
- 20 the department of human services to perform an investigation and
- 21 file a written report of the investigation for a review under
- 22 subsection (10) and the court shall order the department of human
- 23 services to do all of the following:
- 24 (a) Perform a criminal record check within 7 days.
- 25 (b) Perform a central registry clearance within 7 days.
- (c) Perform a home study and file a copy of the home study
- 27 with the court within 30 days unless a home study has been

- 1 performed within the immediately preceding 365 days, under section
- 2 13a(10) of this chapter. If a home study has been performed within
- 3 the immediately preceding 365 days, a copy of that home study shall
- 4 be submitted to the court.
- 5 (9) The court's jurisdiction over a juvenile under section
- 6 2(b) of this chapter and the jurisdiction of the Michigan
- 7 children's institute under section 3 of 1935 PA 220, MCL 400.203,
- 8 shall be terminated after the court appoints a guardian under this
- 9 section and conducts a review hearing under section 19 of this
- 10 chapter, unless the juvenile is released sooner by the court.
- 11 (10) The court's jurisdiction over a guardianship created
- 12 under this section shall continue until released by court order.
- 13 The court shall review a guardianship created under this section
- 14 annually and may conduct additional reviews as the court considers
- 15 necessary. The court may order the department of human services or
- 16 a court employee to conduct an investigation and file a written
- 17 report of the investigation.
- 18 (11) The court may, on its own motion or upon petition from
- 19 the department of human services or the child's lawyer guardian ad
- 20 litem, hold a hearing to determine whether a guardianship appointed
- 21 under this section shall be revoked.
- 22 (12) A guardian may petition the court for permission to
- 23 terminate the guardianship. A petition may include a request for
- 24 appointment of a successor guardian.
- 25 (13) After notice and hearing on a petition for revocation or
- 26 permission to terminate the quardianship, if the court finds by a
- 27 preponderance of evidence that continuation of the guardianship is

- 1 not in the child's best interests, the court shall revoke or
- 2 terminate the guardianship and appoint a successor guardian or
- 3 commit the child to the Michigan children's institute under section
- 4 3 of 1935 PA 220, MCL 400.203.
- 5 (14) This section applies only to a child's case in which
- 6 parental rights to the child were either terminated as the result
- 7 of a proceeding under section 2(b) of this chapter or a similar law
- 8 of another state or terminated voluntarily following the initiation
- 9 of a proceeding under section 2(b) of this chapter or a similar law
- 10 of another state. This section applies as long as the child is
- 11 subject to the jurisdiction, control, or supervision of the court
- 12 or of the Michigan children's institute or other agency.
- Sec. 28. (1) Before June 1, 1988, the court shall maintain
- 14 records of all cases brought before it and as provided in the
- 15 juvenile diversion act. The records shall be open only by court
- 16 order to persons having a legitimate interest, except that
- 17 diversion records shall be open only as provided in the juvenile
- 18 diversion act.
- 19 (2) Beginning June 1, 1988, the court shall maintain records
- 20 of all cases brought before it and as provided in the juvenile
- 21 diversion act. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
- 22 records of a case brought before the court shall be open to the
- 23 general public. Diversion records shall be open only as provided in
- 24 the juvenile diversion act. Except as otherwise provided in section
- 25 49 of the crime victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.799, if
- 26 the hearing of a case brought before the court is closed under
- 27 section 17 of this chapter, the records of that hearing shall be

- 1 open only by court order to persons having a legitimate interest.
- 2 (3) If the court issues an order in respect to payments by a
- 3 parent under section 18(2) of this chapter, a copy shall be mailed
- 4 to the department of treasury. Action taken against parents or
- 5 adults shall not be released for publicity unless the parents or
- 6 adults are found guilty of contempt of court. The court shall
- 7 furnish the family independence agency DEPARTMENT and a county
- 8 juvenile agency with reports of the administration of the court in
- 9 a form recommended by the Michigan association of probate and
- 10 juvenile court judges. Copies of these reports shall, upon request,
- 11 be made available to other state departments by the family
- 12 independence agency. DEPARTMENT.
- 13 (4) As used in this section:
- 14 (a) "Juvenile diversion act" means the juvenile diversion act,
- 15 1988 PA 13, MCL 722.821 to 722.831.
- 16 (b) "Persons having a legitimate interest" includes a member
- 17 of a local foster care review board established under 1984 PA 422,
- **18** MCL 722.131 to 722.139a.
- 19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 20 after the date it is enacted into law.