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PROSECUTOR REP. IN CHILD ABUSE CASES **RECEIVED**

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House Bills 4086 and 4087  
Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Sr.  
Committee: Judiciary

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4086 AND 4087 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-89**

The bills would explicitly require the local prosecuting attorney to represent the Department of Social Services in judicial proceedings on child abuse or neglect cases; both bills refer to a prosecutor's statutory duty to appear for the state or county in all actions in which the state or county may be a party. The bills are not tie-barred.

House Bill 4086 would amend the juvenile code (MCL 712A.17). In addition to the above, it would delete language that requires the prosecutor to serve as legal consultant in abuse and neglect cases and that authorizes the department to contract with a private attorney if the prosecutor does not appear on its behalf. House Bill 4087 would amend the Child Protection Law (MCL 722.630).

House Bills 4086 and 4087 (3-29-89)