

HOUSE BILL No. 4087

February 7, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Joe Young, Sr., Joe Young, Jr., Kilpatrick, Watkins, Wallace, Gire and Gubow and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend section 10 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of 1975, entitled as amended
"Child protection law,"
being section 722.630 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 10 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of
2 1975, being section 722.630 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 10. (1) The court, in every case filed under this act
5 in which judicial proceedings are necessary, shall appoint legal
6 counsel to represent the child. The legal counsel, in general,
7 shall be charged with the representation of the child's best
8 interests. To that end, the attorney shall make further
9 investigation as ~~he deems~~ THE ATTORNEY CONSIDERS necessary to
10 ascertain the facts, interview witnesses, examine witnesses in

1 both the adjudicatory and dispositional hearings, make
2 recommendations to the court, and participate in the proceedings
3 to competently represent the child.

4 (2) IN A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING UNDER THIS ACT IN WHICH THE
5 DEPARTMENT IS A PARTY, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY
6 WHERE THE COURT IS LOCATED SHALL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT AT ALL
7 STAGES OF THE PROCEEDING, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 53 OF CHAPTER 14
8 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF 1846, BEING SECTION 49.153 OF THE
9 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.