

HOUSE BILL No. 4145

February 7, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Stallworth, DeMars, Gire, Dobronski, Murphy, Wallace, Anthony, Bennane, Clark, Varga, Ciaramitaro, Kosteva, Barns, Perry Bullard, Kilpatrick, Clack, Hickner, Porreca, Hoffman, Leland, Saunders, Bouchard and Byrum and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to amend Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended "Public health code," as amended, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding part 25; and to repeal certain parts of the act on a specific date.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as
2 amended, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding part 25 to read as follows:

4 PART 25. CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL

5 SEC. 2501. AS USED IN THIS PART:

6 (A) "CHILD" MEANS A MINOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1105.

7 (B) "PANEL" MEANS THE CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL CREATED
8 IN SECTION 2503.

1 SEC. 2503. (1) THE CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL IS CREATED
2 IN THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MULTIDISCIPLINARY REVIEW OF CHILD
3 DEATHS. THE PANEL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL
4 CONSIST OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

5 (A) A FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

7 (B) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CONSUMER ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION.

8 (C) A PHYSICIAN WHO SPECIALIZES IN PEDIATRIC MEDICINE.

9 (D) A COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

10 (E) A CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST.

11 (F) AN ATTORNEY FAMILIAR WITH ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD
12 MORTALITY.

13 (G) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF A
14 MICHIGAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY.

15 (H) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF A
16 MICHIGAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY.

17 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM THAT
18 DEALS WITH ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD MORTALITY.

19 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION
20 (1), A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM
21 THE OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT HAS
22 JURISDICTION OVER MATTERS CONCERNING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
23 SHALL SERVE ON THE PANEL AS EXOFFICIO MEMBERS, WITHOUT VOTE.

24 (3) MEMBERS OF THE PANEL APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)
25 SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR EXPENSES ACCORDING TO
26 SECTION 1216.

1 (4) THE PANEL MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AS IT CONSIDERS
2 NECESSARY TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD MORTALITY.

3 SEC. 2505. (1) THE PANEL SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
5 AND ANALYSIS OF CHILD DEATHS AND MORTALITY TRENDS AND PATTERNS IN
6 THIS STATE IN ORDER TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL ACTION.

7 (B) REVIEW CHILD FATALITIES IN MICHIGAN.

8 (C) REVIEW POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY
9 OF PROTECTION AFFORDED TO CHILDREN AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE
10 NUMBER OF PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS CAN BE REDUCED.

11 (D) CONDUCT A BROAD CHILD MORTALITY SURVEILLANCE FUNCTION
12 WITH A STATEWIDE FOCUS.

13 (E) BEGINNING NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE PANEL IS
14 APPOINTED, ANNUALLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT, GOV-
15 ERNOR, AND THE LEGISLATURE ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR INTERVEN-
16 TION TO AVOID CHILD DEATHS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE BASED
17 ON THE PANEL'S FINDINGS AND SHALL ADDRESS GAPS OR PROBLEMS IN
18 STATUTE, POLICY, ADMINISTRATION, INTERAGENCY OR INTERDISCIPLINARY
19 COOPERATION, TRAINING, AND RESOURCES.

20 (2) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE
21 PANEL MAY GIVE PRIORITY TO A SPECIFIC CAUSE OR CAUSES OF CHILD
22 DEATHS OVER OTHERS.

23 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES IT CONSIDERS NECES-
24 SARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART.

25 SEC. 2507. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ALL OF THE FOLLOW-
26 ING TO THE PANEL:

1 (A) STAFF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

2 (B) USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK OF MEDICAL ADVISORY
3 BODIES FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL EXPERTISE.

4 (C) USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS AND REPORTING CAPACITY
5 FOR MORTALITY SURVEILLANCE TO SUPPORT THE REVIEW PROCESS.

6 (D) PEDIATRIC MEDICINE CONSULTATION.

7 SEC. 2509. THIS PART IS REPEALED UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 3
8 YEARS AFTER ITS EFFECTIVE DATE.