



# HOUSE BILL No. 4388

March 2, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Joe Young, Sr., Harrison, DeMars, Dobronski, Stallworth, Clack and Joe Young, Jr. 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~~ IS charged with the representation of the child's best  
8 interests. ~~To that end, the~~ THE attorney shall make further  
9 investigation as he ~~deems~~ OR SHE 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.