

HOUSE BILL No. 5039

September 22, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Gire, Pitoniak, Willard, Allen, Rivers, Dobronski, Freeman, Schroer and Baade and referred to the Committee on Human Services and Children.

A bill to prescribe certain powers and duties of the departments of social services, mental health, public health, and education related to children's services; and to create a child welfare committee and prescribe its powers and duties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. The departments of social services, mental health,
- 2 public health, and education shall develop a coordinated system
- 3 for providing services to children at risk. The departments may
- 4 enter into interagency agreements as necessary to effectuate the
- 5 coordinated system.
- 6 Sec. 2. The child welfare committee is created to develop
- 7 policy and service delivery plans and programs to be used by the
- 8 departments of social services, mental health, public health, and
- 9 education in implementing the coordinated system required by this
- 10 act. The child welfare committee consists of the director, or a

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- 1 representative designated by the director, of each of the
- 2 departments described in this section.
- 3 Sec. 3. The child welfare committee shall do all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (a) Establish a definition of "at risk" populations to be
- 6 targeted by policies, plans, and programs developed under this
 7 act.
- 8 (b) Develop policies, service delivery plans, and programs
- 9 to be used in the coordinated system required under this act.
- (c) Develop a process for a joint evaluation and review by
- 11 all 4 departments of policies, plans, and programs developed
- 12 under this act.
- (d) Develop an interagency agreement to provide oversight
- 14 responsibility for education programs serving children in the
- 15 mental health, child welfare, and delinquency systems.