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## **CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND: ALLOW FUNDRAISING**

**House Bill 4878**

**Sponsor: Rep. Shirley Johnson**

**Committee: Human Services**

**Complete to 5-31-95**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4878 AS INTRODUCED 5-18-95**

Public Act 211 of 1982 (enrolled House Bill 5609) created a Children's Trust Fund in the Department of Treasury which can accept public and private funds to be spent on efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect. Companion legislation established an autonomous Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Public Act 250, enrolled House Bill 4556) in the Department of Management and Budget to oversee the disbursement of funds from the trust fund for use by local child abuse and neglect prevention programs, and placed a check-off on state income tax forms (Public Act 249, enrolled House Bill 5609) that allows people entitled to refunds to designate that two dollars of their refund be credited to the trust fund (the amount has subsequently been increased to a suggested amount of \$10, or any amount designated by the taxpayer). The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (which was transferred to the Department of Social Services in 1992 by executive reorganization order No. 1992-5) currently can accept federal funds granted by Congress or executive order, as well as gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations.

The bill would amend the act to allow the board to solicit contributions and to contract with certain organizations to solicit contributions. More specifically, the bill would allow the board to plan, manage, or conduct campaigns to solicit gifts, bequests, grants, or donations of money or property, and to enter into contracts with licensed charitable organizations in order to solicit contributions. Such contracts would have to include provisions that allowed a "reasonable" administrative fee for contributions obtained by the charitable organization and that required appropriate bonding by, and an independent audit of, the charitable organization.

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