

HOUSE BILL No. 5144

November 30, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Ruth Johnson and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law,"

by amending sections 2, 7, 8, and 8d (MCL 722.622, 722.627, 722.628, and 722.628d), section 2 as amended by 1998 PA 531, section 7 as amended by 1998 PA 485, and section 8 as amended and section 8d as added by 1998 PA 484.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Attorney" means, if appointed to represent a child
- 3 under the provisions referenced in section 10, an attorney serv-
- 4 ing as the child's legal advocate in the manner defined and
- 5 described in section 13a of chapter XIIA of THE PROBATE CODE OF
- 6 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.13a.
- 7 (b) "Central registry" means the system maintained at the
- 8 department that is used to keep a record of all reports filed

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- 1 with the department pursuant to this act in which relevant and
- 2 accurate evidence of child abuse or neglect is found to exist.
- 3 (c) "Central registry case" means a child protective serv-
- 4 ices case that the department classifies under sections 8 and 8d
- 5 as category I or category II. For a child protective services
- 6 case that was investigated before the effective date of the act
- 7 that added section 8d JULY 1, 1999, central registry case means
- 8 an allegation of child abuse or neglect that the department
- 9 substantiated.
- (d) "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.
- 11 (e) "Child abuse" means harm or threatened harm to a child's
- 12 health or welfare by a parent, A legal guardian, or any other
- 13 person responsible for the child's health or welfare, or by a
- 14 teacher or teacher's aide, that occurs through nonaccidental
- 15 physical or mental injury; sexual abuse; sexual exploitation; or
- 16 maltreatment.
- 17 (f) "Child neglect" means harm or threatened harm to a
- 18 child's health or welfare by a parent, legal guardian, or any
- 19 other person responsible for the child's health or welfare that
- 20 occurs through either of the following:
- 21 (i) Negligent treatment, including the failure to provide
- 22 adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.
- 23 (ii) Placing a child at an unreasonable risk to the child's
- 24 health or welfare by failure of the parent, legal guardian, or
- 25 any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare
- 26 to intervene to eliminate that risk when that person is able to
- 27 do so and has, or should have, knowledge of the risk.

- 1 (G) "CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL" MEANS A PANEL ESTABLISHED AS
- 2 REQUIRED BY SECTION 106 OF TITLE I OF THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
- 3 AND TREATMENT ACT, PUBLIC LAW 93-247, 42 U.S.C. 5106a.
- 4 (H) (g) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined
- 5 in section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
- **6** 333.7104.
- 7 (I) (I) (CPSI system" means the child protective service
- 8 information system, which is an internal data system maintained
- 9 within and by the department, and which is separate from the cen-
- 10 tral registry and not subject to section 7.
- 11 (J) (i) "Department" means the family independence
- 12 agency.
- 13 (K) $\frac{(j)}{(j)}$ "Director" means the director of the department.
- 14 (1) $\frac{(k)}{(k)}$ "Expunge" means to physically remove or eliminate
- 15 and destroy a record or report.
- 16 (M) $\overline{(1)}$ "Lawyer-guardian ad litem" means an attorney
- 17 appointed under section 10 who has the powers and duties refer-
- 18 enced by section 10.
- 19 (N) $\frac{\text{(m)}}{\text{(m)}}$ "Local office file" means the system used to keep
- 20 a record of a written report, document, or photograph filed with
- 21 and maintained by a county or a regionally based office of the
- 22 department.
- 23 (0) $\frac{(n)}{(n)}$ "Nonparent adult" means a person who is 18 years
- 24 of age or older and who, regardless of the person's domicile,
- 25 meets all of the following criteria in relation to a child: over
- 26 whom the court takes jurisdiction under section 2(b) of chapter
- 27 XIIA of 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2:

- 1 (i) Has substantial and regular contact with the child.
- 2 (ii) Has a close personal relationship with the child's
- 3 parent or with a person responsible for the child's health or
- 4 welfare.
- 5 (iii) Is not the child's parent or a person otherwise
- 6 related to the child by blood or affinity to the third degree.
- 7 (P) (O) "Person responsible for the child's health or
- 8 welfare" means a parent, legal guardian, person 18 years of age
- 9 or older who resides for any length of time in the same home in
- 10 which the child resides, or, except when used in section 7(2)(e)
- 11 or 8(8), nonparent adult; or an owner, operator, volunteer, or
- 12 employee of 1 or more of the following:
- 13 (i) A licensed or unlicensed child care organization as
- 14 defined in section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.
- 15 (ii) A licensed or unlicensed adult foster care family home
- 16 or adult foster care small group home as defined in section 3 of
- 17 the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL
- **18** 400.703.
- 19 (Q) (P) "Relevant evidence" means evidence having a ten-
- 20 dency to make the existence of a fact that is at issue more prob-
- 21 able than it would be without the evidence.
- 22 (R) $\frac{(q)}{(q)}$ "Sexual abuse" means engaging in sexual contact or
- 23 sexual penetration as those terms are defined in section 520a of
- 24 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520a, with a
- 25 child.
- 26 (S) $\frac{(r)}{(r)}$ "Sexual exploitation" includes allowing,
- 27 permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution, or

- 1 allowing, permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the
- 2 photographing, filming, or depicting of a child engaged in a
- 3 listed sexual act as defined in section 145c of THE MICHIGAN
- 4 PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145c.
- (T) (Specified information means information in a
- 6 central registry case record that relates specifically to refer-
- 7 rals or reports of child abuse or neglect. Specified information
- 8 does not include any of the following:
- **9** (i) Except as provided in this subparagraph regarding a per-
- 10 petrator of child abuse or neglect, personal identification
- 11 information for any individual identified in a child protective
- 12 services record. The exclusion of personal identification infor-
- 13 mation as specified information prescribed by this subparagraph
- 14 does not include personal identification information identifying
- 15 an individual alleged to have perpetrated child abuse or neglect,
- 16 which allegation has been classified as a central registry case.
- 17 (ii) Information in a law enforcement report as provided in
- **18** section 7(8).
- 19 (iii) Any other information that is specifically designated
- 20 as confidential under other law.
- 21 (U) —(t) "Structured decision-making tool" means the
- 22 department document labeled "DSS-4752 (P3)(3-95)" or a revision
- 23 of that document that better measures the risk of future harm to
- 24 a child.
- 25 (V) (u) "Substantiated" means a child protective services
- 26 case classified as a central registry case.

- 1 (W) (v) "Unsubstantiated" means a child protective
- 2 services case the department classifies under sections 8 and 8d
- 3 as category III, category IV, or category V.
- 4 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall maintain a statewide,
- 5 electronic central registry to carry out the intent of this act.
- 6 (2) Unless made public as specified information released
- 7 under section 7d, a written report, document, or photograph filed
- 8 with the department as provided in this act is a confidential
- 9 record available only to 1 or more of the following:
- 10 (a) A legally mandated public or private child protective
- 11 agency investigating a report of known or suspected child abuse
- 12 or neglect.
- 13 (b) A police or other law enforcement agency investigating a
- 14 report of known or suspected child abuse or neglect.
- 15 (c) A physician who is treating a child whom the physician
- 16 reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected.
- 17 (d) A person legally authorized to place a child in protec-
- 18 tive custody when the person is confronted with a child whom the
- 19 person reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected and the
- 20 confidential record is necessary to determine whether to place
- 21 the child in protective custody.
- (e) A person, agency, or organization, including a multidis-
- 23 ciplinary case consultation team, authorized to diagnose, care
- 24 for, treat, or supervise a child or family who is the subject of
- 25 a report or record under this act, or who is responsible for the
- 26 child's health or welfare.

- 1 (f) A person named in the report or record as a perpetrator
- 2 or alleged perpetrator of the child abuse or neglect or a victim
- 3 who is an adult at the time of the request, if the identity of
- 4 the reporting person is protected as provided in section 5.
- 5 (q) A court that determines the information is necessary to
- 6 decide an issue before the court.
- 7 (h) A grand jury that determines the information is neces-
- 8 sary in the conduct of the grand jury's official business.
- 9 (i) A person, agency, or organization engaged in a bona fide
- 10 research or evaluation project. The person, agency, or organiza-
- 11 tion shall not release information identifying a person named in
- 12 the report or record unless that person's written consent is
- 13 obtained. The person, agency, or organization shall not conduct
- 14 a personal interview with a family without the family's prior
- 15 consent and shall not disclose information that would identify
- 16 the child or the child's family or other identifying
- 17 information. The department director may authorize the release
- 18 of information to a person, agency, or organization described in
- 19 this subdivision if the release contributes to the purposes of
- 20 this act and the person, agency, or organization has appropriate
- 21 controls to maintain the confidentiality of personally identify-
- 22 ing information for a person named in a report or record made
- 23 under this act.
- 24 (j) A lawyer-guardian ad litem or other attorney appointed
- 25 as provided by section 10.
- 26 (k) A child placing agency licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL
- 27 722.111 to 722.128, for the purpose of investigating an applicant

- 1 for adoption, a foster care applicant or licensee or an employee
- 2 of a foster care applicant or licensee, an adult member of an
- 3 applicant's or licensee's household, or other persons in a foster
- 4 care or adoptive home who are directly responsible for the care
- 5 and welfare of children, to determine suitability of a home for
- 6 adoption or foster care. The child placing agency shall disclose
- 7 the information to a foster care applicant or licensee under 1973
- 8 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128, or to an applicant for adoption.
- 9 (1) Juvenile court staff authorized by the court to investi-
- 10 gate foster care applicants and licensees, employees of foster
- 11 care applicants and licensees, adult members of the applicant's
- 12 or licensee's household, and other persons in the home who are
- 13 directly responsible for the care and welfare of children, for
- 14 the purpose of determining the suitability of the home for foster
- 15 care. The court shall disclose this information to the applicant
- 16 or licensee.
- 17 (m) Subject to section 7a, a standing or select committee or
- 18 appropriations subcommittee of either house of the legislature
- 19 having jurisdiction over protective services matters for
- 20 children.
- (n) The children's ombudsman appointed under the children's
- 22 ombudsman act, 1994 PA 204, MCL 722.921 to 722.935.
- 23 (o) A child fatality review team established under section
- 24 7b and authorized under that section to investigate and review a
- 25 child death.

- 1 (p) A county medical examiner or deputy county medical
- 2 examiner appointed under 1953 PA 181, MCL 52.201 to 52.216, for
- 3 the purpose of carrying out his or her duties under that act.
- 4 (O) A CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
- 5 (3) A SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (9), A person or entity to
- 6 whom information described in subsection (2) is disclosed shall
- 7 make the information available only to a person or entity
- 8 described in subsection (2). This subsection does not require a
- 9 court proceeding to be closed that otherwise would be open to the
- 10 public.
- 11 (4) If the department classifies a report of suspected child
- 12 abuse or neglect as a central registry case, the department shall
- 13 maintain a record in the central registry and, within 30 days
- 14 after the classification, shall notify in writing each individual
- 15 who is named in the record as a perpetrator of the child abuse or
- 16 neglect. The notice shall set forth the individual's right to
- 17 request expunction of the record and the right to a hearing if
- 18 the department refuses the request. The notice shall state that
- 19 the record may be released under section 7d. The notice shall
- 20 not identify the person reporting the suspected child abuse or
- 21 neglect.
- 22 (5) A person who is the subject of a report or record made
- 23 under this act may request the department to amend an inaccurate
- 24 report or record from the central registry and local office
- 25 file. A person who is the subject of a report or record made
- 26 under this act may request the department to expunge from the
- 27 central registry a report or record in which no relevant and

- 1 accurate evidence of abuse or neglect is found to exist. A
- 2 report or record filed in a local office file is not subject to
- 3 expunction except as the department authorizes, when considered
- 4 in the best interest of the child.
- 5 (6) If the department refuses a request for amendment or
- 6 expunction under subsection (5), or fails to act within 30 days
- 7 after receiving the request, the department shall hold a hearing
- 8 to determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether the
- 9 report or record in whole or in part should be amended or
- 10 expunged from the central registry on the grounds that the report
- 11 or record is not relevant or accurate evidence of abuse or
- 12 neglect. The hearing shall be before a hearing officer appointed
- 13 by the department and shall be conducted as prescribed by the
- 14 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- **15** 24.328.
- 16 (7) If the investigation of a report conducted under this
- 17 act fails to disclose evidence of abuse or neglect, the informa-
- 18 tion identifying the subject of the report shall be expunged from
- 19 the central registry. If evidence of abuse or neglect exists,
- 20 the department shall maintain the information in the central req-
- 21 istry until the department receives reliable information that the
- 22 individual alleged to have perpetrated PERPETRATOR OF the abuse
- 23 or neglect is dead.
- 24 (8) In releasing information under this act, the department
- 25 shall not include a report compiled by a police agency or other
- 26 law enforcement agency related to an investigation of suspected
- 27 child abuse or neglect. This subsection does not prevent the

- 1 department from including reports of convictions of crimes
- 2 related to child abuse or neglect.
- 3 (9) A MEMBER OR STAFF MEMBER OF A CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL SHALL
- 4 NOT DISCLOSE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC CHILD PRO-
- 5 TECTION CASE TO AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIA-
- 6 TION, GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY. A MEMBER OR
- 7 STAFF MEMBER OF A CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL IS A MEMBER OF A BOARD,
- 8 COUNCIL, COMMISSION, OR STATUTORILY CREATED TASK FORCE OF A GOV-
- 9 ERNMENTAL AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 7 OF 1964 PA 170,
- 10 MCL 691.1407. INFORMATION OBTAINED BY A CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL IS
- 11 NOT SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL
- **12** 15.231 TO 15.246.
- Sec. 8. (1) Within 24 hours after receiving a report made
- 14 under this act, the department shall refer the report to the
- 15 prosecuting attorney if the report meets the requirements of
- 16 section 3(6) or shall commence an investigation of the child sus-
- 17 pected of being abused or neglected. Within 24 hours after
- 18 receiving a report whether from the reporting person or from the
- 19 department under section 3(6), the local law enforcement agency
- 20 shall refer the report to the department if the report meets the
- 21 requirements of section 3(7) or shall commence an investigation
- 22 of the child suspected of being abused or neglected. If the
- 23 child suspected of being abused is not in the physical custody of
- 24 the parent or legal guardian and informing the parent or legal
- 25 guardian would not endanger the child's health or welfare, the
- 26 agency or the department shall inform the child's parent or legal
- 27 guardian of the investigation as soon as the agency or the

- 1 department discovers the identity of the child's parent or legal
- 2 guardian.
- 3 (2) In the course of its investigation, the department shall
- 4 determine if the child is abused or neglected. The department
- 5 shall cooperate with law enforcement officials, courts of compe-
- 6 tent jurisdiction, and appropriate state agencies providing human
- 7 services in relation to preventing, identifying, and treating
- 8 child abuse and neglect; shall provide, enlist, and coordinate
- 9 the necessary services, directly or through the purchase of serv-
- 10 ices from other agencies and professions; and shall take neces-
- 11 sary action to prevent further abuses, to safeguard and enhance
- 12 the child's welfare, and to preserve family life where possible.
- 13 (3) In conducting its investigation, the department shall
- 14 seek the assistance of and cooperate with law enforcement offi-
- 15 cials within 24 hours after becoming aware that 1 or more of the
- 16 following conditions exist:
- 17 (a) Abuse or neglect is the suspected cause of a child's
- 18 death.
- 19 (b) The child is the victim of suspected sexual abuse or
- 20 sexual exploitation.
- 21 (c) Abuse or neglect resulting in severe physical injury to
- 22 the child requires medical treatment or hospitalization. For
- 23 purposes of this subdivision and section 17, "severe physical
- 24 injury" means brain damage, skull or bone fracture, subdural hem-
- 25 orrhage or hematoma, dislocation, sprains, internal injuries,
- 26 poisoning, burns, scalds, severe cuts, or any other physical

- $oldsymbol{1}$ injury that seriously impairs the health or physical well-being
- 2 of a child.
- 3 (d) Law enforcement intervention is necessary for the pro-
- 4 tection of the child, a department employee, or another person
- 5 involved in the investigation.
- **6** (e) The alleged perpetrator of the child's injury is not a
- 7 person responsible for the child's health or welfare.
- **8** (4) Law enforcement officials shall cooperate with the
- 9 department in conducting investigations under subsections (1) and
- 10 (3) and shall comply with sections 5 and 7. The department and
- 11 law enforcement officials shall conduct investigations in compli-
- 12 ance with the protocol adopted and implemented as required by
- 13 subsection (6).
- 14 (5) Involvement of law enforcement officials under this sec-
- 15 tion does not relieve or prevent the department from proceeding
- 16 with its investigation or treatment if there is reasonable cause
- 17 to suspect that the child abuse or neglect was committed by a
- 18 person responsible for the child's health or welfare.
- 19 (6) In each county, the prosecuting attorney and the depart-
- 20 ment shall develop and establish procedures for involving law
- 21 enforcement officials as provided in this section. In each
- 22 county, the prosecuting attorney and the department shall adopt
- 23 and implement a standard child abuse and neglect investigation
- 24 and interview protocol using as a model the protocol developed by
- 25 the governor's task force on children's justice as published in
- 26 DSS Publication 794 (8-93).

- 1 (7) If there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child in
- 2 the care of or under the control of a public or private agency,
- 3 institution, or facility is an abused or neglected child, the
- 4 agency, institution, or facility shall be investigated by an
- 5 agency administratively independent of the agency, institution,
- 6 or facility being investigated. If the investigation produces
- 7 evidence of a violation of section 145c or sections 520b to 520g
- 8 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145c and
- 9 750.520b to 750.520g, the investigating agency shall transmit a
- 10 copy of the results of the investigation to the prosecuting
- 11 attorney of the county in which the agency, institution, or
- 12 facility is located.
- 13 (8) A school or other institution shall cooperate with the
- 14 department during an investigation of a report of child abuse or
- 15 neglect. Cooperation includes allowing access to the child with-
- 16 out parental consent if access is determined by the department to
- 17 be necessary to complete the investigation or to prevent abuse or
- 18 neglect of the child. However, the department shall notify the
- 19 person responsible for the child's health or welfare about the
- 20 department's contact with the child at the time or as soon after-
- 21 ward as the person can be reached. The department may delay the
- 22 notice if the notice would compromise the safety of the child or
- 23 child's siblings or the integrity of the investigation, but only
- 24 for the time 1 of those conditions exists.
- 25 (9) If the department has contact with a child in a school,
- 26 all of the following apply:

- 1 (a) Before contact with the child, the department
- 2 investigator shall review with the designated school staff person
- 3 the department's responsibilities under this act and the investi-
- 4 gation procedure.
- 5 (b) After contact with the child, the department investiga-
- 6 tor shall meet with the designated school staff person and the
- 7 child about the response the department will take as a result of
- 8 contact with the child. The department may also meet with the
- 9 designated school staff person without the child present and
- 10 share additional information the investigator determines may be
- 11 shared subject to the confidentiality provisions of this act.
- 12 (c) Lack of cooperation by the school does not relieve or
- 13 prevent the department from proceeding with its responsibilities
- 14 under this act.
- 15 (10) A child shall not be subjected to a search at a school
- 16 that requires the child to remove his or her clothing to expose
- 17 his buttocks or genitalia or her breasts, buttocks, or genitalia
- 18 unless the department has obtained an order from a court of com-
- 19 petent jurisdiction permitting such a search. If the access
- 20 occurs within a hospital, the investigation shall be conducted so
- 21 as not to interfere with the medical treatment of the child or
- 22 other patients.
- 23 (11) The department shall enter each report made under this
- 24 act that is the subject of a field investigation into the CPSI
- 25 system. The department shall maintain a report entered on the
- 26 CPSI system as required by this subsection until the child about
- 27 whom the investigation is made is 18 years old or until 10 years

- 1 after the investigation is commenced, whichever is later, OR, IF
- 2 THE CASE IS CLASSIFIED AS A CENTRAL REGISTRY CASE, UNTIL THE
- 3 DEPARTMENT RECEIVES RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT THE PERPETRATOR OF
- 4 THE ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS DEAD. Unless made public as specified
- 5 information released under section 7d, a report that is main-
- 6 tained on the CPSI system is confidential and is not subject to
- 7 the disclosure requirements of the freedom of information act,
- 8 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 9 (12) After completing a field investigation and based on its
- 10 results, the department shall determine in which single category,
- 11 prescribed by section 8d, to classify the allegation of child
- 12 abuse or neglect.
- 13 (13) $\frac{(12)}{(12)}$ Except as provided in $\frac{(13)}{(13)}$ SUBSECTION (14),
- 14 upon completion of the investigation by the local law enforcement
- 15 agency or the department, the law enforcement agency or depart-
- 16 ment may inform the person who made the report as to the disposi-
- 17 tion of the report.
- 18 (14) $\overline{(13)}$ If the person who made the report is mandated to
- 19 report under section 3, upon completion of the investigation by
- 20 the department, the department shall inform the person in writing
- 21 as to the disposition of the case and shall include in the infor-
- 22 mation at least all of the following:
- 23 (a) What determination the department made under subsection
- 24 $\frac{(11)}{(12)}$ (12) and the rationale for that decision.
- 25 (b) Whether legal action was commenced and, if so, the
- 26 nature of that action.

- 1 (c) Notification that the information being conveyed is
- 2 confidential.
- 3 (15) $\frac{(14)}{(14)}$ Information sent under subsection $\frac{(13)}{(14)}$
- 4 shall not include personally identifying information for a person
- 5 named in a report or record made under this act.
- 6 Sec. 8d. (1) For the department's determination required by
- 7 section 8, the categories, and the departmental response required
- 8 for each category, are the following:
- 9 (a) Category V services not needed. The FOLLOWING A
- 10 FIELD INVESTIGATION, THE department determines that the allega-
- 11 tion does not amount to THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF child abuse or
- 12 neglect. -, and the structured decision-making tool indicates
- 13 that there is no future risk of harm to the child. This act does
- 14 not require a further response by the department.
- 15 (b) Category IV community services recommended. The
- 16 FOLLOWING A FIELD INVESTIGATION, THE department determines that
- 17 there is not A PREPONDERANCE OF evidence of child abuse or
- 18 neglect, but the structured decision-making tool indicates -a low
- 19 or moderate risk of THAT THERE IS future RISK OF harm to the
- 20 child. The department shall assist the child's family in volun-
- 21 tarily participating in community-based services COMMENSURATE
- 22 WITH THE RISK TO THE CHILD.
- (c) Category III community services needed. The depart-
- 24 ment determines that there is A PREPONDERANCE OF evidence of
- 25 child abuse or neglect, and the structured decision-making tool
- 26 indicates a low or moderate risk of future harm to the child.
- 27 The department shall assist the child's family in receiving

- 1 community-based services COMMENSURATE WITH THE RISK TO THE
- 2 CHILD. If the family does not voluntarily participate in serv-
- 3 ices, OR THE FAMILY VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATES IN SERVICES, BUT
- 4 DOES NOT PROGRESS TOWARD ALLEVIATING THE CHILD'S RISK LEVEL, the
- 5 department may reclassify the case as category II.
- 6 (d) Category II child protective services required. The
- 7 department determines that there is evidence of child abuse or
- 8 neglect, and the structured decision-making tool indicates a high
- 9 or intensive risk of future harm to the child. The department
- 10 shall open a protective services case and provide the services
- 11 necessary under this act. The department shall also list the
- 12 perpetrator of the child abuse or neglect, based on the report
- 13 that was the subject of the field investigation, on the central
- 14 registry, either by name or as "unknown" if the perpetrator has
- 15 not been identified.
- 16 (e) Category I court petition required. The department
- 17 determines that there is evidence of child abuse or neglect and 1
- 18 or more of the following are true:
- 19 (i) A court petition is required under another provision of
- 20 this act.
- 21 (ii) The child is not safe and a petition for removal is
- 22 needed.
- 23 (iii) The department previously classified the case as cate-
- 24 gory II and the child's family does not voluntarily participate
- 25 in services.
- 26 (iv) There is a violation, involving the child, of a crime
- 27 listed or described in section 8a(1)(b), (c), (d), or (f) or of

- 1 child abuse in the first or second degree as prescribed by
- 2 section 136b of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL
- **3** 750.136b.
- 4 (2) In response to a category I classification, the depart-
- 5 ment shall do all of the following:
- 6 (a) If a court petition is not required under another provi-
- 7 sion of this act, submit a petition for authorization by the
- 8 court under section 2(b) of chapter XIIA of THE PROBATE CODE OF
- 9 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2.
- 10 (b) Open a protective services case and provide the services
- 11 necessary under this act.
- 12 (c) List the perpetrator of the child abuse or neglect,
- 13 based on the report that was the subject of the field investiga-
- 14 tion, on the central registry, either by name or as "unknown" if
- 15 the perpetrator has not been identified.
- 16 (3) The department shall identify all of the families clas-
- 17 sified in category III at any time during the period beginning
- 18 October 1, 1999 and ending October 1, 2000 and shall report to
- 19 the appropriate legislative standing committees and the house and
- 20 senate appropriations subcommittees for the department all of the
- 21 following regarding those families:
- 22 (a) The number and percentage classified in category III
- 23 that voluntarily participated in services and that did not par-
- 24 ticipate in services.
- 25 (b) The number for which the department entered more than 1
- 26 determination that there was evidence of child abuse or neglect.

- 1 (c) The number the department reclassified from category III
- 2 to category II.