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SENATE BILL No. 1045

February 14, 2006, Introduced by Senator KUIPERS and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

"Child custody act of 1970,"
by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 4, and 11 (MCL 722.21, 722.22, 722.24, and 722.31), the title as amended by 1996 PA 19

A bill to amend 1970 PA 91, entitled

722.22, 722.24, and 722.31), the title as amended by 1996 PA 19, section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 542, section 4 as amended by 1998 PA 482, and section 11 as added by 2000 PA 422, and by adding sections 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, and 5f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to declare —the— CERTAIN inherent rights of —minor children; to establish— A CHILD IN RELATION TO HIS OR HER PARENTS

AFTER DIVORCE; TO ENCOURAGE POSTDIVORCE PARENTAL COOPERATION BY REQUIRING A PROCESS TO ESTABLISH A PARENTING PLAN; TO PRESCRIBE THE

- 1 CONTENTS OF AND PROCEDURES FOR MODIFYING A PARENTING PLAN; TO
- 2 PRESCRIBE PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE rights and duties -to their
- 3 REGARDING A CHILD'S custody, support, -and OR parenting time -in
- 4 disputed actions IF THE ISSUE IS IN DISPUTE; to establish rights
- 5 and duties to provide support for a child after the child reaches
- 6 the age of majority under certain circumstances; to provide for
- 7 certain procedure and appeals; and to repeal -certain acts and
- 8 parts of acts.
- 9 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "child
- 10 PARENTING PLAN OR custody DISPUTE act". of 1970".
- 11 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 12 (a) "Agency" means a legally authorized public or private
- 13 organization, or governmental unit or official, whether of this
- 14 state or of another state or country, concerned in the welfare of
- 15 minor children, including a licensed child placement agency.
- 16 (b) "Attorney" means, if appointed to represent a child under
- 17 this act, an attorney serving as the child's legal advocate in a
- 18 traditional attorney-client relationship with the child, as
- 19 governed by the Michigan rules of professional conduct. An attorney
- 20 defined under this subdivision owes the same duties of undivided
- 21 loyalty, confidentiality, and zealous representation of the child's
- 22 expressed wishes as the attorney would to an adult client.
- (c) "Child" means minor child and children. Subject to section
- 24 5b of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295,
- 25 MCL 552.605b, for purposes of providing support, child includes a
- 26 child and children who have reached 18 years of age.
- 27 (D) "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" MEANS AN ACT OF PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, OR

- 1 SERIOUS EMOTIONAL ABUSE BY AN INDIVIDUAL AGAINST HIS OR HER SPOUSE,
- 2 OR FORMER SPOUSE, OR AGAINST ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM THE
- 3 INDIVIDUAL HAS A CHILD IN COMMON OR WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS
- 4 RESIDED.
- 5 (E) $\frac{-(d)}{}$ "Grandparent" means a natural or adoptive parent of
- 6 a child's natural or adoptive parent.
- 7 (F) $\frac{}{}$ (C) "Guardian ad litem" means an individual whom the
- 8 court appoints to assist the court in determining the child's best
- 9 interests. A guardian ad litem does not need to be an attorney.
- 10 (G) (f)— "Lawyer-quardian ad litem" means an attorney
- 11 appointed under section 4. A lawyer-guardian ad litem represents
- 12 the child, and has the powers and duties, as set forth in section
- **13** 4.
- 14 (H) $\frac{g}{g}$ "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent of a
- 15 child.
- 16 (I) "PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER" MEANS AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER
- 17 SECTION 2950 OF THE REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961, 1961 PA 236,
- 18 MCL 600.2950.
- 19 (J) "SERIOUS EMOTIONAL ABUSE" MEANS ABUSE THAT WOULD CAUSE A
- 20 REASONABLE PERSON TO FEEL TERRORIZED, INTIMIDATED, OR THREATENED.
- 21 (K) —(h)— "State disbursement unit" or "SDU" means the entity
- 22 established in section 6 of the office of child support act, 1971
- 23 PA 174, MCL 400.236.
- 24 (l) -(i) "Third person" means an individual other than a
- 25 parent.
- 26 Sec. 4. (1) In -all actions AN ACTION involving dispute of a
- 27 minor child's custody, the court shall declare the child's inherent

- 1 rights and establish the rights and duties as to the child's
- 2 custody, support, and parenting time UNDER COURT ORDER IF CUSTODY
- 3 IS IN DISPUTE OR A COURT-APPROVED PARENTING PLAN IF CUSTODY IS NOT
- 4 IN DISPUTE in accordance with this act.
- 5 (2) If, at any time in the proceeding, the court determines
- 6 that the child's best interests are inadequately represented, the
- 7 court may appoint a lawyer-guardian ad litem to represent the
- 8 child. A lawyer-guardian ad litem represents the child and has
- 9 powers and duties in relation to that representation as set forth
- 10 in section 17d of chapter XIIA of THE PROBATE CODE OF 1939, 1939 PA
- 11 288, MCL 712A.17d. All provisions of section 17d of chapter XIIA of
- 12 THE PROBATE CODE OF 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.17d, apply to a
- 13 lawyer-guardian ad litem appointed under this act.
- 14 (3) In a proceeding in which a lawyer-guardian ad litem
- 15 represents a child, he or she may file a written report and
- 16 recommendation. The court may read the report and recommendation.
- 17 The court shall not, however, admit the report and recommendation
- 18 into evidence unless all parties stipulate the admission. The
- 19 parties may make use of the report and recommendation for purposes
- 20 of a settlement conference.
- 21 (4) After a determination of ability to pay, the court may
- 22 assess all or part of the costs and reasonable fees of the lawyer-
- 23 guardian ad litem against 1 or more of the parties involved in the
- 24 proceedings or against the money allocated from marriage license
- 25 fees for family counseling services under section 3 of 1887 PA 128,
- 26 MCL 551.103. A lawyer-guardian ad litem appointed under this
- 27 section shall not be paid a fee unless the court first receives and

- 1 approves the fee.
- 2 SEC. 5A. (1) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SHALL
- 3 DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE A FORM FOR USE BY A PARENT IN COMPLETING
- 4 A PARENTING PLAN. THE FORM SHALL BE GIVEN TO BOTH PARENTS AT THE
- 5 TIME A PARTY FILES FOR DIVORCE, AND IT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
- 6 INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT A DIVORCE EDUCATION PROGRAM AS
- 7 PROVIDED IN SECTION 5 OF 1846 RS 84, MCL 552.5. A PARENTING PLAN
- 8 SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:
- 9 (A) TO HAVE THE CHILD REARED BY BOTH THE CHILD'S FATHER AND
- 10 THE CHILD'S MOTHER IN A MANNER THAT CLOSELY APPROXIMATES THEIR
- 11 REARING OF THE CHILD PRIOR TO FILING FOR DIVORCE, UNLESS IT IS NOT
- 12 IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS.
- 13 (B) TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHILD'S CARE AND SET FORTH THE
- 14 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARENT WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 15 CHILD.
- 16 (C) TO ENCOURAGE THE PARENTS TO MEET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO
- 17 THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE PARENTING
- 18 PLAN, RATHER THAN BY RELYING ON JUDICIAL INTERVENTION.
- 19 (2) THE FORM SHALL INDICATE THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT MUST BE
- 20 ADDRESSED IN A PARENTING PLAN AND SHALL CONTAIN A SWORN STATEMENT
- 21 SIGNED BY EACH PARENT THAT THE PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN IS PROPOSED
- 22 IN GOOD FAITH.
- 23 (3) A FORM DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CONTAIN NOTICE
- 24 THAT EITHER PARTY MAY OBTAIN LEGAL COUNSEL.
- 25 (4) IF 1 OR MORE PARTIES OBTAIN LEGAL COUNSEL IN COMPLETING
- 26 THE PARENTING PLAN, THE PARTY OR PARTIES SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE
- 27 COURT THAT LEGAL COUNSEL WAS OBTAINED.

- 1 (5) IF A CHILD IS THE SUBJECT OF A COURT-APPROVED PARENTING
- 2 PLAN, THE CHILD'S CUSTODY IS NOT IN DISPUTE AND THE COURT MAY ORDER
- 3 THE CHILD'S PARENTS TO BE GOVERNED BY THE PARENTING PLAN WITHOUT
- 4 DESIGNATING EITHER PARENT AS THE LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN OF THE
- 5 CHILD, UNLESS A DESIGNATION IS MADE UNDER SECTION 5F.
- 6 SEC. 5B. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ACT, IN A
- 7 DIVORCE, SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, OR ANNULMENT ACTION INVOLVING A
- 8 CHILD'S PARENTS, THE PARENTS SHALL FILE WITH THE COURT A PROPOSED
- 9 PARENTING PLAN THAT IS AGREED ON BY THE PARENTS AND THAT CONFORMS
- 10 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT. THE PARENTS SHALL FILE THE
- 11 PARENTING PLAN REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION BEFORE A HEARING ON OR
- 12 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES REGARDING A CHILD OF THE MARRIAGE.
- 13 (2) IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT EITHER PARENT HAS COMMITTED
- 14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR THE PARENTS DO NOT AGREE ON A PARENTING PLAN,
- 15 EACH PARENT SHALL FILE WITH THE COURT AND SERVE ON THE OTHER PARENT
- 16 A PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN ON OR BEFORE THE EARLIER OF THE FOLLOWING
- 17 DATES:
- 18 (A) TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS AFTER EITHER PARENT FILES AND SERVES A
- 19 NOTICE REQUESTING A PRETRIAL CONFERENCE.
- 20 (B) TWENTY-SIX WEEKS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTION. THE
- 21 PARENTS MAY EXTEND THIS PERIOD BY STIPULATION.
- 22 (3) A PARENT WHO FILES A PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN IN COMPLIANCE
- 23 WITH SUBSECTION (2) MAY MOVE THE COURT FOR AN ORDER OF DEFAULT
- 24 ADOPTING THAT PARENT'S PARENTING PLAN IF THE OTHER PARENT FAILS TO
- 25 FILE A PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (2).
- 26 SEC. 5C. (1) A PARENT SUBMITTING A PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN
- 27 SHALL ATTACH A SWORN STATEMENT THAT THE PLAN IS PROPOSED BY THAT

- 1 PARENT IN GOOD FAITH. EITHER PARENT MAY FILE AND SERVE AN AMENDED
- 2 PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN ACCORDING TO THE RULES FOR AMENDING
- 3 PLEADINGS.
- 4 (2) IF EACH PARENT FILES A PARENTING PLAN OR THE PARENTING
- 5 PLAN IS OTHERWISE IN DISPUTE, THE PARENTS SHALL ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE
- 6 AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON PARENTING PLAN BY AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
- 7 RESOLUTION PROCESS EITHER THROUGH THE FRIEND OF THE COURT MEDIATION
- 8 SERVICES OR THROUGH ANOTHER AGENCY OR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT BOTH
- 9 PARTIES AGREE UPON. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF THERE IS
- 10 EVIDENCE THAT EITHER PARENT HAS COMMITTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
- 11 (3) IF AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS IS
- 12 UNSUCCESSFUL OR INAPPLICABLE, AND A MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
- 13 IS PROVIDED BY COURT RULE, THE PARENTS SHALL ATTEND A MANDATORY
- 14 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE. A JUDGE OR A FRIEND OF THE COURT REFEREE
- 15 SHALL PRESIDE OVER THE MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE. THE PARENTS
- 16 SHALL REVIEW IN GOOD FAITH THE PROPOSED TERMS OF THE PARENTING
- 17 PLANS AND OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE ACTION WITH THE JUDGE OR
- 18 REFEREE. A FACT OR LEGAL ISSUE THAT IS NOT IN DISPUTE AT THE TIME
- 19 OF THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SHALL BE ENTERED AS STIPULATED FOR
- 20 PURPOSES OF FINAL HEARING OR TRIAL IN THE MATTER.
- 21 (4) THE COURT SHALL NOT ISSUE AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING A DISPUTED
- 22 PARENTING PLAN UNTIL THE COURT HOLDS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PLAN
- 23 OR PLANS. AN ACTION INVOLVING A CHILD GOVERNED BY THIS ACT HAS
- 24 PRECEDENCE FOR HEARING AND ASSIGNMENT FOR TRIAL OVER OTHER CIVIL
- 25 ACTIONS.
- 26 SEC. 5D. (1) THE PARENTING PLAN SHALL CONTAIN PROVISIONS
- 27 GOVERNING RESOLUTION OF FUTURE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE PARENTS.

- 1 (2) UNLESS PRECLUDED OR LIMITED BY THIS SECTION, THE COURT
- 2 SHALL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO COURT ACTION FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES
- 3 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR MODIFICATION OF A PARENTING PLAN,
- 4 WHICH MAY INCLUDE COUNSELING, MEDIATION, OR ARBITRATION BY A
- 5 SPECIFIED INDIVIDUAL OR AGENCY, INCLUDING THE FRIEND OF THE COURT.
- 6 IF THE COURT FINDS THAT A PARENT USES OR FRUSTRATES THE USE OF AN
- 7 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, THE
- 8 COURT SHALL AWARD ATTORNEY FEES AND FINANCIAL SANCTIONS TO THE
- 9 OTHER PARENT. THE COURT SHALL SET FORTH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
- 10 SUBSECTION IN THE ORDER APPROVING THE PARENTING PLAN.
- 11 (3) THE COURT SHALL NOT ORDER AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
- 12 RESOLUTION PROCESS IF THE COURT FINDS THAT A LIMITING FACTOR UNDER
- 13 THIS SECTION APPLIES OR THAT EITHER PARENT IS UNABLE TO AFFORD THE
- 14 COST OF THE PROPOSED DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS. IF A DISPUTE
- 15 RESOLUTION PROCESS IS NOT PRECLUDED OR LIMITED, THEN, IN
- 16 DESIGNATING THE PROCESS, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER ALL RELEVANT
- 17 FACTORS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 18 (A) DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARENTS THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY
- 19 INHIBIT THEIR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN A DESIGNATED PROCESS.
- 20 (B) THE PARENTS' WISHES OR AGREEMENTS AND, IF THE PARENTS HAVE
- 21 ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS, WHETHER THE AGREEMENTS WERE MADE KNOWINGLY
- 22 AND VOLUNTARILY.
- 23 (C) DIFFERENCES IN THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
- 24 MAY AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN A GIVEN DISPUTE
- 25 RESOLUTION PROCESS.
- 26 (4) A PARENTING PLAN SHALL NOT REQUIRE MUTUAL DECISION MAKING
- 27 OR DESIGNATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS IF THE

- 1 COURT FINDS THAT A PARENT HAS ENGAGED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
- 2 CONDUCT:
- 3 (A) WILLFUL ABANDONMENT THAT CONTINUES FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD
- 4 OF TIME OR SUBSTANTIAL REFUSAL TO PERFORM PARENTING FUNCTIONS.
- 5 (B) PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, OR A PATTERN OF EMOTIONAL ABUSE OF A
- 6 CHILD.
- 7 (C) A HISTORY OF ACTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR AN ASSAULT OR
- 8 SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT CAUSES GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM OR THE FEAR OF THAT
- 9 HARM.
- 10 SEC. 5E. (1) IF A PARENT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE PARENTING
- 11 PLAN OR A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER, THE OTHER PARENT'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER
- 12 THE PARENTING PLAN OR THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER ARE NOT AFFECTED. THE
- 13 COURT MAY HOLD A PARENT WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A PARENTING PLAN
- 14 IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 15 (2) A PARENT SEEKING MODIFICATION OF A PARENTING PLAN SHALL
- 16 SUBMIT, TOGETHER WITH HIS OR HER PETITION, A SWORN STATEMENT
- 17 SETTING FORTH FACTS SUPPORTING THE REQUESTED MODIFICATION AND SHALL
- 18 GIVE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF HIS OR HER SWORN STATEMENT, TO
- 19 OTHER PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS, WHO MAY FILE OPPOSING SWORN
- 20 STATEMENTS. THE COURT SHALL DENY THE PETITION UNLESS IT FINDS THAT
- 21 PROPER CAUSE FOR HEARING THE MOTION IS ESTABLISHED BY THE SWORN
- 22 STATEMENTS, IN WHICH CASE IT SHALL SET A DATE FOR HEARING ON AN
- 23 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE REQUESTED MODIFICATION SHOULD NOT BE
- 24 ORDERED. A PARENT MAY FILE A PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF A
- 25 PARENTING PLAN ONLY IN THE COUNTY OF THE COURT THAT HAS
- 26 JURISDICTION OVER THE CASE.
- 27 (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 5D, THE COURT

- 1 SHALL NOT MODIFY A PARENTING PLAN UNLESS THE MOVING PARTY SHOWS
- 2 PROPER CAUSE FOR A MODIFICATION OR A CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE
- 3 ENTRY OF THE ORDER APPROVING THE PARENTING PLAN ORDER. IF THE
- 4 MOVING PARTY MAKES THE SHOWING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION AND IF
- 5 THE COURT FINDS THAT THE MODIFICATION IS IN THE CHILD'S BEST
- 6 INTERESTS, THE COURT SHALL MODIFY THE PARENTING PLAN.
- 7 (4) IF THE COURT FINDS THAT A PETITION TO MODIFY AN EARLIER
- 8 PARENTING PLAN IS BROUGHT, OR A REFUSAL TO AGREE TO A MODIFICATION
- 9 IS MADE, IN BAD FAITH, THE COURT SHALL ASSESS ATTORNEY FEES AND
- 10 COURT COSTS OF THE NONMOVING PARENT AGAINST THE MOVING PARTY.
- 11 SEC. 5F. SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL
- 12 STATUTES OR OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THAT REQUIRE A DESIGNATION OR
- 13 DETERMINATION OF LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODY FOR PURPOSES SUCH AS, BY
- 14 WAY OF EXAMPLE AND NOT LIMITATION, TAX EXEMPTIONS OR HEALTH CARE
- 15 BENEFITS, THE COURT MAY DESIGNATE IN THE PARENTING PLAN OR BY
- 16 SEPARATE ORDER A CHILD'S LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN OR CUSTODIANS.
- 17 THIS DESIGNATION DOES NOT AFFECT EITHER PARENT'S RIGHTS AND
- 18 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PARENTING PLAN OR ANOTHER PROVISION OF
- 19 THIS ACT. IN THE ABSENCE OF A DESIGNATION ALLOWED UNDER THIS
- 20 SECTION, THE PARENT WITH WHOM THE CHILD IS SCHEDULED TO RESIDE THE
- 21 MAJORITY OF THE TIME SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE CHILD'S CUSTODIAN FOR
- 22 THOSE PURPOSES.
- 23 Sec. 11. (1) A child whose parental custody is governed by
- 24 court order OR WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A COURT-APPROVED PARENTING
- 25 PLAN has, for the purposes of this section, a legal residence with
- 26 each parent. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a parent
- 27 of a child whose custody is governed by court order shall not

- 1 change a legal residence of the child to a location that is more
- 2 than 100 miles from the child's legal residence at the time of the
- 3 commencement of the action in which the order is issued.
- 4 (2) A parent's change of a child's legal residence is not
- 5 restricted by subsection (1) if the other parent consents to, or if
- 6 the court, after complying with subsection (4), permits, the
- 7 residence change. This section does not apply if the order
- 8 governing the child's custody grants sole legal custody to 1 of the
- 9 child's parents.
- 10 (3) This section does not apply if, at the time of the
- 11 commencement of the action in which the custody order is issued,
- 12 the child's 2 residences were more than 100 miles apart. This
- 13 section does not apply if the legal residence change results in the
- 14 child's 2 legal residences being closer to each other than before
- 15 the change.
- 16 (4) Before permitting a legal residence change otherwise
- 17 restricted by subsection (1), the court shall consider each of the
- 18 following factors, with the child as the primary focus in the
- 19 court's deliberations:
- 20 (a) Whether the legal residence change has the capacity to
- 21 improve the quality of life for both the child and the relocating
- 22 parent.
- 23 (b) The degree to which each parent has complied with, and
- 24 utilized his or her time under, a court order governing parenting
- 25 time with the child OR A PARENTING PLAN, and whether the parent's
- 26 plan to change the child's legal residence is inspired by that
- 27 parent's desire to defeat or frustrate the parenting time schedule

1 OR THE PARENTING PLAN.

- 2 (c) The degree to which the court is satisfied that, if the
- 3 court permits the legal residence change, it is possible to order a
- 4 modification of the parenting time schedule OR PARENTING PLAN and
- 5 other arrangements governing the child's schedule in a manner that
- 6 can provide an adequate basis for preserving and fostering the
- 7 parental relationship between the child and each parent; and
- 8 whether each parent is likely to comply with the modification.
- 9 (d) The extent to which the parent opposing the legal
- 10 residence change is motivated by a desire to secure a financial
- 11 advantage with respect to a support obligation.
- 12 (e) Domestic violence, regardless of whether the violence was
- 13 directed against or witnessed by the child.
- 14 (5) Each order determining or modifying custody or parenting
- 15 time of a child OR A PARENTING PLAN shall include a provision
- 16 stating the parent's agreement as to how a change in either of the
- 17 child's legal residences will be handled. If such a provision is
- 18 included in the order OR PARENTING PLAN and a child's legal
- 19 residence change is done in compliance with that provision, this
- 20 section does not apply. If the parents do not agree on such a
- 21 provision, the court shall include in the order the following
- 22 provision: "A parent whose custody or parenting time of a child is
- 23 governed by this -order- ORDER/PARENTING PLAN shall not change the
- 24 legal residence of the child except in compliance with section 11
- 25 of the "Child PARENTING PLAN OR Custody Act of 1970" DISPUTE
- 26 ACT", 1970 PA 91, MCL 722.31.".
- 27 (6) If this section applies to a change of a child's legal

- 1 residence and the parent seeking to change that legal residence
- 2 needs to seek a safe location from the threat of domestic violence,
- 3 the parent may move to such a location with the child until the
- 4 court makes a determination under this section.
- 5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 6 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No.____ (request no.
- 7 00027'05) of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.

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