

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1421

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled
"Child protection law,"
(MCL 722.621 to 722.638) by adding section 8e.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 8E. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT AN INVESTIGATION
2 CHECKLIST TO BE USED IN EACH INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED ABUSE AND
3 NEGLECT HANDLED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

4 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4), AN INVESTIGATION SHALL
5 NOT BE CLOSED UNTIL THE CHECKLIST DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) IS
6 COMPLETED.

7 (3) A SUPERVISOR MUST REVIEW THE COMPLETED CHECKLIST. IF THE
8 SUPERVISOR DETERMINES THAT THE INVESTIGATION COMPLIES WITH THE
9 INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST AND WITH THE FOLLOWING STATE LAWS AND

1 DEPARTMENT POLICY, THE INVESTIGATION MAY BE CLOSED:

2 (A) FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH ALL ALLEGED CHILD
3 VICTIMS.

4 (B) A PETITION WAS FILED AS REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 8D(1)(E), 17,
5 AND 18.

6 (C) A PETITION WAS FILED WHEN COURT INTERVENTION WAS NEEDED TO
7 ENSURE CHILD SAFETY.

8 (D) ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT IMPACT CHILD SAFETY AND WELL-BEING
9 THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED IN DEPARTMENT POLICY TO REQUIRE THE
10 APPROVALS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (4).

11 (4) IF THE SUPERVISOR DETERMINES THAT THE INVESTIGATION DOES
12 NOT COMPLY WITH THE INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST AND THE STATE LAWS AND
13 DEPARTMENT POLICY OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (3), THE SUPERVISOR SHALL
14 DETERMINE THE REASON THE INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST AND STATE LAW OR
15 DEPARTMENT POLICY OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (3) WERE NOT FOLLOWED. AN
16 INVESTIGATION THAT FALLS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE CLOSED
17 UNTIL AFTER THE LOCAL OFFICE DIRECTOR HAS REVIEWED THE
18 INVESTIGATION.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1,
20 2009.