SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5910

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

by amending section 7j (MCL 722.627j), as amended by 2004 PA 563.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7j. (1) Upon written request, the department may provide
- 2 to an individual, OR WHOEVER IS APPROPRIATE, documentation stating
- 3 that the individual is not named in a central registry case as the
- 4 perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect. The written request
- 5 required under this section shall include the individual's
- 6 affirmation that he or she is employed by, volunteers at, is
- 7 applying for employment in, or is seeking to volunteer in a child
- 8 care center, child caring institution, or child placing agency.
- 9 (2) For the purpose of applying for employment or seeking to
- 10 volunteer in a child care center, child caring institution, or
- 11 child placing agency, an AN individual may share OR THE DEPARTMENT

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- 1 MAY SHARE the document provided in subsection (1) with the child
- 2 care center owner or licensee, or a child caring institution or
- 3 child placing agency, or an individual authorized by the child care
- 4 center owner or licensee, the child caring institution, or the
- 5 child placing agency WHOEVER IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
- 6 SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OR SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER.
- 7 (3) AN EMPLOYER, A PERSON OR AGENCY TO WHOM AN INDIVIDUAL IS
- 8 APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT, OR A VOLUNTEER AGENCY, WITH APPROPRIATE
- 9 AUTHORIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION FROM THE INDIVIDUAL, MAY REQUEST
- 10 AND RECEIVE CENTRAL REGISTRY CLEARANCE INFORMATION.
- 11 (4) (3) The family independence agency DEPARTMENT may develop
- 12 an automated system that will allow an individual applying for
- 13 child-related employment or seeking to volunteer in a capacity that
- 14 would allow unsupervised access to a child for whom the individual
- 15 is not a person responsible for that child's health or welfare to
- 16 be listed in that system if a screening of the individual finds
- 17 that he or she has not been named in a central registry case as the
- 18 perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect. The automated system
- 19 developed under this section shall provide for public access to the
- 20 list of individuals who have been screened for the purposes of
- 21 complying with this section. An automated system developed under
- 22 this section shall have appropriate safeguards and procedures to
- 23 ensure that information that is confidential under this act, state
- 24 law, or federal law is not accessible or disclosed through that
- 25 system.
- 26 (4) As used in this section, "child care center", "child
- 27 caring institution", and "child placing agency" mean those terms as

1 defined in section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.