

Legislative Analysis



MODIFY CHILD PROTECTION LAW

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House Bill 4971 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Dean

Committee: Families and Children's Services

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4971 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE 6-24-09

Section 7j of the Child Protection Law (MCL 722.627j) says that an employer or volunteer agency, with appropriate authorization and identification from the individual seeking employment or volunteer service, can request and receive central registry clearance information. House Bill 4971 would specify that this applies *if that employment or volunteer work includes contact with children*.

Section 7j also allows a person who is or is seeking to be an employee or volunteer at a child care center, child caring institution, or child placing agency to obtain individual documentation from the Department of Human Services stating that the individual is not named in a central registry case as a perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect. Then, for the purpose of applying for employment or seeking to volunteer, the individual can share the documentation with the appropriate individual or entity for the purpose of seeking employment or serving as a volunteer. House Bill 4971 would specify that this provision applies *if that employment or volunteer work includes contact with children*.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

POSITIONS:

Department of Human Services supports the bill. (6-7-09)

State Alliance of Michigan YMCAs indicated neutrality. (6-7-09)

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