

HOUSE BILL No. 4971

May 19, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Dean, Durhal, Gregory, Miller, Switalski, Cushingberry, Lipton, Lemmons, Rocca, Polidori, Roy Schmidt, Slezak, Valentine, Bledsoe, Stanley and Hammel and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled
"Child protection law,"
by amending section 7j (MCL 722.627j), as amended by 2008 PA 374.

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.

5 (2) An individual or the department may share the document
6 provided in subsection (1) with whoever is appropriate for the
7 purpose of seeking employment or serving as a volunteer **IF THAT**
8 **EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER WORK WILL INCLUDE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN.**

9 (3) An employer, a person or agency to whom an individual is

1 applying for employment, or a volunteer agency, with appropriate
2 authorization and identification from the individual, may request
3 and receive central registry clearance information **IF THAT**

4 **EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER WORK WILL INCLUDE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN.**

5 (4) The department may develop an automated system that will
6 allow an individual applying for child-related employment or
7 seeking to volunteer in a capacity that would allow unsupervised
8 access to a child for whom the individual is not a person
9 responsible for that child's health or welfare to be listed in that
10 system if a screening of the individual finds that he or she has
11 not been named in a central registry case as the perpetrator of
12 child abuse or child neglect. The automated system developed under
13 this section shall provide for public access to the list of
14 individuals who have been screened for the purposes of complying
15 with this section. An automated system developed under this section
16 shall have appropriate safeguards and procedures to ensure that
17 information that is confidential under this act, state law, or
18 federal law is not accessible or disclosed through that system.