

**OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 204 of 1994**

**722.931 Penalty for filing complaint or cooperating in investigation prohibited; intentional false complaint.**

Sec. 11. (1) Subject to subsection (4), an official, the department, a child placing agency, or a residential facility must not penalize any person for filing a complaint or cooperating with the child advocate in investigating a complaint.

(2) An individual, the department, an adoption attorney, a child placing agency, or a residential facility must not hinder the lawful actions of the child advocate or his or her employees.

(3) A report by the child advocate is not subject to prior approval by a person outside of the office.

(4) An individual who intentionally makes a false complaint of child abuse or child neglect under this act is subject to the penalties contained in section 13(5) of the child protection law, MCL 722.633.

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