

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 421**

A bill to amend 1982 PA 250, entitled  
"Child abuse and neglect prevention act,"  
by amending section 2 (MCL 722.602).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2. (1) As used in this act:

2       (a) "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

3       (b) "Child abuse" means harm or threatened harm to a child's  
4 health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or  
5 welfare, which harm occurs or is threatened through nonaccidental  
6 physical or mental injury; sexual abuse, which includes a violation  
7 of section 145c of the Michigan penal code, ~~Act No. 328 of the~~  
8 ~~Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.145c of the Michigan~~  
9 ~~Compiled Laws.~~ **1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145C.**

1 (c) "Local council" means an organization ~~which~~**THAT** meets the  
2 criteria described in section 10(a).

3 (d) "Neglect" means harm to a child's health or welfare by a  
4 person responsible for the child's health or welfare ~~which~~**THAT**  
5 occurs through negligent treatment, including the failure to  
6 provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, **THOUGH**  
7 **FINANCIALLY ABLE TO DO SO, OR THE FAILURE TO SEEK FINANCIAL OR**  
8 **OTHER REASONABLE MEANS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER,**  
9 **OR MEDICAL CARE.**

10 (e) "State board" means the state child abuse and neglect  
11 prevention board created in section 3.

12 (f) "Prevention program" means a system of direct provision of  
13 child abuse and neglect prevention services to a child, parent, or  
14 guardian, and may include research programs related to prevention  
15 of child abuse and neglect.

16 (g) "Trust fund" means the children's trust fund established  
17 in the department of treasury.

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
19 after the date it is enacted into law.