

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 988**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
by amending section 117a (MCL 400.117a), as amended by 2018 PA 22.

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

1           Sec. 117a. (1) As used in this section and sections 117b to  
2 ~~117g~~**117H**:

3           (a) "County juvenile agency" means that term as defined in  
4 section 2 of the county juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL  
5 45.622.

6           (b) "County juvenile agency services" means all juvenile  
7 justice services for a juvenile who is within the court's  
8 jurisdiction under section 2(a) or (d) of chapter XIIIA of the  
9 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, or within the  
10 jurisdiction of the court of general jurisdiction under section 606

1 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.606, if  
2 that court commits the juvenile to a county or court juvenile  
3 facility under section 27a of chapter IV of the code of criminal  
4 procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 764.27a. If a juvenile who comes within  
5 the court's jurisdiction under section 2(a) or (d) of chapter XIIA  
6 of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, is at that  
7 time subject to a court order in connection with a proceeding for  
8 which the court acquired jurisdiction under section 2(b) or (c) of  
9 chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2,  
10 juvenile justice services provided to the juvenile before the court  
11 enters an order in the subsequent proceeding are not county  
12 juvenile agency services, except for juvenile justice services  
13 related to detention.

14 (c) "Donated funds" means any gifts of money made available to  
15 the county child care fund for services for child welfare or  
16 delinquency matters, including juvenile justice services.

17 (d) "Donor" means the entity, person, or persons providing the  
18 donated funds.

19 (e) "Gross expenditure" means the total adjusted expenditures  
20 included in a county's monthly expenditure report and submitted to  
21 the department.

22 (f) "In-home care" means expenditure of child care fund money  
23 for services and items listed in this section to be an alternative  
24 to out-of-home care or to provide an early return home for a child  
25 placed out of his or her home.

26 (g) "Juvenile detention facility" means a county-operated or  
27 court-operated juvenile facility ~~licensed or approved as a child~~

1 ~~earing institution~~ that houses and provides group care, shelter  
2 care, or detention administered and staffed by county or court  
3 employees.

4 (h) "Juvenile justice service" means a service, exclusive of  
5 judicial functions, provided by a county for juveniles who are  
6 within or likely to come within the court's jurisdiction under  
7 section 2 of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288,  
8 MCL 712A.2, or within the jurisdiction of the court of general  
9 criminal jurisdiction under section 606 of the revised judicature  
10 act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.606, if that court commits the  
11 juvenile to a county or court juvenile facility under section 27a  
12 of chapter IV of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL  
13 764.27a. A service includes intake, detention, detention  
14 alternatives, probation, foster care, diagnostic evaluation and  
15 treatment, shelter care, or any other service approved by the  
16 office or county juvenile agency, as applicable, including  
17 preventive, diversionary, or protective care services. A juvenile  
18 justice service approved by the office or county juvenile agency  
19 must meet all applicable state and local government licensing  
20 standards.

21 (i) "Out-of-home care" means placement outside of the  
22 residence of the child's parent, legal guardian, or, except as  
23 provided in this subdivision, relative where the child is found,  
24 from which the child was removed by the authority of the court, or  
25 in which the child will be placed on a permanent basis.

26 (j) "Technology and software" means risk and needs assessment  
27 software or software directly related to treatment or services

1 provided within a reimbursable in-home care program. Technology and  
2 software does not include the purchase of new equipment or  
3 hardware, or maintenance of equipment or hardware for the  
4 reimbursable in-home care program. Technology and software also  
5 does not include new equipment cost, maintenance of equipment,  
6 technology, or software used exclusively for general support for  
7 the court.

8 (2) A juvenile justice funding system for counties that are  
9 not county juvenile agencies, including a child care fund, is  
10 established and shall be administered under the department's  
11 superintending control.

12 (3) The department shall promulgate rules under the  
13 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
14 24.328, to monitor juvenile justice services money and to prescribe  
15 child care fund accounting, reporting, and authorization controls  
16 and procedures and child care fund expenditure classifications. For  
17 counties required to have a child care fund, the department shall  
18 fund services that conform to the child care rules promulgated  
19 under this act.

20 (4) The department shall distribute money appropriated by the  
21 legislature to counties for the cost of juvenile justice services  
22 as follows:

23 (a) Payment for expenditures for children placed with the  
24 department for care, supervision, or placement, including children  
25 who are within the court's jurisdiction under section 2(a) and (b)  
26 of chapter XIIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL  
27 712A.2, shall be paid by the department and reimbursed by the

1 county for all undisputed charges. Implementation of this  
2 subdivision takes effect on October 1 of the fiscal year following  
3 the appropriation to support new payment processes and the  
4 implementation of technological changes to the statewide automated  
5 child welfare information system.

6 (b) Payment for expenditures for children not placed with the  
7 department for care, supervision, or placement, including children  
8 who are within the court's jurisdiction under section 2(a) and (b)  
9 of chapter XIIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL  
10 712A.2, shall be paid by a county and be reimbursed by the  
11 department for all undisputed charges. Expenditures described in  
12 this subdivision include the following:

13 (i) Direct expenditures for out-of-home care, including all of  
14 the following:

15 (A) Salaries of county- or court-operated detention center,  
16 shelter care, or group care facility specific employees, including,  
17 but not limited to, all of the following:

18 (I) Management staff of a facility.

19 (II) Direct service staff of a facility.

20 (III) Mental health staff of a facility.

21 (IV) Support staff including clerical staff of a facility.

22 (V) Janitorial, maintenance, or ground staff of a facility, or  
23 any combination of these.

24 (VI) Kitchen staff of a facility.

25 (VII) Security staff of a facility.

26 (VIII) Circuit court employees who support the child care fund  
27 county- or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group

1 care facility.

2 (B) Fringe benefits, including payroll taxes, medical, vision  
3 and dental insurance, group life insurance, disability insurance,  
4 accident insurance, health savings accounts, retirement  
5 contributions, worker's compensation, and accrued severance  
6 benefits of county- or court-operated detention center, shelter  
7 care, or group care facility specific employees and circuit court  
8 administration who administrate and support the child care fund  
9 county- or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group  
10 care facility.

11 (C) Clothing for children.

12 (D) Food for children.

13 (E) Meals furnished to staff who are on duty at a county- or  
14 court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group care  
15 facility and assigned responsibilities for the supervision and care  
16 of the youth during facility mealtime.

17 (F) Hygiene supplies for children, including shampoo, soap, or  
18 toothpaste.

19 (G) Education costs for children who are temporary residents  
20 in a county- or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or  
21 group care facility and for whom attendance in a public school  
22 system or local education agency is not an option.

23 (H) Utilities of a county- or court-operated detention center,  
24 shelter care, or group care facility, including water, gas,  
25 electric, trash, and sewer.

26 (I) Janitorial supplies of a county- or court-operated  
27 detention center, shelter care, or group care facility.

1 (J) Kitchen supplies of a county- or court-operated detention  
2 center, shelter care, or group care facility.

3 (K) Laundry supplies or service of a county- or court-operated  
4 detention center, shelter care, or group care facility.

5 (L) Linen supplies or service of a county- or court-operated  
6 detention center, shelter care, or group care facility, including  
7 towels and bedding.

8 (M) Office supplies that are dedicated solely to the county-  
9 or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group care  
10 facility.

11 (N) Cellular telephones, landline telephones, and 2-way radios  
12 used for communication that are dedicated solely to the county- or  
13 court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group care  
14 facility.

15 (O) Copy machine charges that are dedicated to the county- or  
16 court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group care  
17 facility.

18 (P) Mattress, box spring, or bed frame used in a county- or  
19 court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group care  
20 facility.

21 (Q) Medical, dental, psychological, and psychiatric services,  
22 including medication, for children who are not covered by another  
23 source which services are not to determine competency.

24 (R) Periodicals and books of a county- or court-operated  
25 detention center, shelter care, or group care facility.

26 (S) Recreational supplies, programs, and television in a  
27 county- or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group

1 care facility.

2 (T) Training for child care fund-funded staff and in-service  
3 education directly related to the out-of-home program, excluding  
4 tuition grants or scholarships for college credit.

5 (U) Mileage reimbursement rate costs for transporting children  
6 of a county- or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or  
7 group care facility. Mileage reimbursement rates used must adhere  
8 to the county or tribe published rates. Mileage reimbursement rates  
9 cover all costs of operating a vehicle, including maintenance,  
10 repairs, taxes, gas, insurance, and registration fees.

11 (V) Drug testing for children.

12 (W) Birth certificates for children.

13 (X) Incentives for youth.

14 (Y) Interpreter fees for nonjudicial processes.

15 (Z) Printing, binding, and postage for materials relating to  
16 the education or correspondence relating to children in the county-  
17 or court-operated detention center, shelter care, or group care  
18 facility.

19 (AA) Membership dues or fees for professional credential  
20 maintenance of staff who provide or support a service to children  
21 under the child care fund, or professional staff for whom  
22 professional licensure is required in their respective job  
23 description.

24 (BB) Contracted personnel, programming, or services, or any  
25 combination of these.

26 (CC) Nonscheduled payments.

27 (DD) New services that the department may agree with counties

1 and tribes to include that are not identified in this section that  
2 support eligible children and families.

3 (ii) Administrative or indirect expenditures for out-of-home  
4 care. An administrative or indirect cost payment equal to 10% of a  
5 county's total monthly gross expenditures will automatically be  
6 distributed to the county on a monthly basis. A county is not  
7 required to submit documentation to the department for any of the  
8 expenditures that are covered under the 10% payment.

9 (iii) Direct expenditures for in-home care, including the  
10 following:

11 (A) Salaries of circuit court employees who support the child  
12 care fund in-home care program.

13 (B) Fringe benefits, including payroll taxes, medical and  
14 dental insurance, group life insurance, disability insurance,  
15 accident insurance, health savings accounts, retirement  
16 contributions, and accrued severance benefits of circuit court  
17 employees who support the child care fund in-home care program. For  
18 a county that receives the juvenile court officer grant and the  
19 appointed juvenile court officer works within an approved program,  
20 the proportional fringe benefits for the juvenile court officer may  
21 be reimbursable.

22 (C) Mileage reimbursement rate costs associated with the child  
23 care fund in-home care program. Mileage reimbursement rates used  
24 must adhere to the county or tribe published rates. Mileage  
25 reimbursement rates cover all costs of operating a vehicle,  
26 including maintenance, repairs, taxes, gas, insurance, and  
27 registration fees.

1 (D) Program supplies and materials, including, but not limited  
2 to, all of the following:

3 (I) Program-specific supplies, including risk or needs  
4 assessments, recognition plaques, and educational or program  
5 licenses.

6 (II) Office supplies related to program activities and pro-  
7 social activities.

8 (III) Food related to program activities and pro-social  
9 activities.

10 (IV) Drug test kits.

11 (V) Tethers and other forms of electronic monitoring.

12 (E) Other costs, including all of the following:

13 (I) Cellular telephones and other safety tracking technology  
14 for child care fund-funded staff.

15 (II) Training for child care fund-funded staff and in-service  
16 education related to the in-home care component, excluding tuition  
17 grants or scholarships for college credit.

18 (III) Education costs for children who are prohibited from  
19 school attendance in a public school system or the local education  
20 agency or have severe educational issues and have been court  
21 ordered into a child care fund-funded educational program.

22 (IV) Printing, binding, or postage for materials relating to  
23 the education or correspondence on behalf of children in the in-  
24 home care program.

25 (V) Membership dues or fees - professional credential  
26 maintenance of staff who provide or support a service to children  
27 under the child care fund or professional staff for whom

1 professional licensure is required in their respective job  
2 descriptions.

3 (VI) Business cards.

4 (F) Other program-specific activities costs, including  
5 entrance fees for programs.

6 (G) Conference travel costs for other non-child-care-fund-  
7 related training, including evidence-based and promising practices  
8 training.

9 (H) Contracted personnel, programming, or services, or any  
10 combination of these.

11 (I) Unit cost contracts, including all of the following:

12 (I) Contracted - drug testing - lab (per "drug test" basis).

13 (II) Contracted - counselor fees - (per "hour" basis).

14 (III) Contracted - group session dollar per session (per  
15 "session" basis). Group roster documentation required.

16 (IV) Contracted - psychological evaluations, excluding  
17 competency examinations - (per "evaluation" basis).

18 (V) Contracted - service providers (per "service" basis).

19 (J) Closed-end contracts. Closed-end contracts include, but  
20 are not limited to, all of the following:

21 (I) University contracts, including "program evaluation".

22 (II) Private agency services contracts.

23 (III) Educational services contracts.

24 (IV) Court appointed special advocate (CASA) and wraparound  
25 contracts.

26 (V) Other contracts identifiable to the program.

27 (K) Nonscheduled payments or case services payments. A

1 nonscheduled payment is a payment to an individual or organization  
2 for items specified and defined in the child care fund handbook  
3 that are not included in the state-established per diem rate. A  
4 nonscheduled payment may include the following list:

5 (I) Emergency costs, including immediate food, clothing,  
6 medical, or dental needs that are not covered by another source.

7 (II) Gymnasium or other pro-social activity requiring a  
8 membership per child related to program activities.

9 (III) Rewards or incentive pay for youth related to program  
10 activities.

11 (IV) Bus tokens or gas cards related to program activities.

12 (V) Mentor costs - meals, mileage, movies, or social costs  
13 related to program activities.

14 (VI) Noncontracted service provider related to program  
15 activities.

16 (VII) Noncontracted group session related to program  
17 activities.

18 (VIII) Noncontracted psychological evaluations, excluding  
19 competency examinations.

20 (IX) Family assessment or evaluations.

21 (X) Noncontracted counselor fees.

22 (XI) Noncontracted drug testing - labs.

23 (XII) Camps or field trips.

24 (XIII) Birth certificates for children.

25 (L) New services that the department may agree with counties  
26 and tribes to include that are not identified in this section that  
27 support eligible children and families.

1 (M) Technology and software.

2 (iv) Administrative or indirect expenditures for in-home care.

3 An administrative or indirect cost payment equal to 10% of a  
4 county's total monthly gross expenditures will automatically be  
5 distributed to the county on a monthly basis. A county is not  
6 required to submit documentation to the department for any of the  
7 expenditures that are covered under the 10% payment.

8 (c) The county amount distributed shall equal 50% of the  
9 annual expenditures from the child care fund of the county  
10 established under section 117c, except that expenditures under  
11 section 117c(3) and expenditures that exceed the amount of a budget  
12 approved under section 117c shall not be included. A distribution  
13 under this subdivision shall not be made to a county that does not  
14 comply with the requirements of this act. Subject to a county's  
15 approval, the department may reduce the amount distributed to a  
16 county by the amount owed to the state for care received in a state  
17 operated facility or for care received under 1935 PA 220, MCL  
18 400.201 to 400.214, or under the youth rehabilitation services act,  
19 1974 PA 150, MCL 803.301 to 803.309.

20 (d) For a county that is a county juvenile agency, a county's  
21 block grant amount as determined under section 117g in equal  
22 distributions on October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1 of each  
23 state fiscal year.

24 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions in subdivision (a), subject  
25 to appropriations, ~~until September 30, 2018,~~ the department shall  
26 pay 100% of the costs of the \$9.20 increase to the administrative  
27 rate for providers of foster care services provided in the annual

1 appropriation for the department budget. For the purposes of this  
2 subdivision only, "foster care" means 24-hour substitute care for  
3 children placed away from their parents or guardians, as a result  
4 of a court order under section 2(b) of chapter XIIA of the probate  
5 code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, in placements supervised by  
6 the department or a private child placing agency under contract  
7 with the department for foster care services. Foster care services  
8 include supervision of placements in foster family homes, foster  
9 family group homes, and preadoptive placements.

10 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (c), ~~until~~  
11 ~~September 30, 2018,~~ the department shall pay 100% of the  
12 administrative rate for providers of treatment foster care services  
13 and foster care services provided in the annual appropriation for  
14 the department budget. For the purposes of this subdivision only,  
15 "foster care" means 24-hour substitute care for children placed  
16 away from their parents or guardians, as a result of a court order  
17 under section 2(b) of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939,  
18 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, in placements supervised by the department  
19 or a private child placing agency under contract with the  
20 department for foster care services. Foster care services include  
21 supervision of placements in foster family homes, foster family  
22 group homes, treatment foster care, preadoptive placements, and  
23 supervision of children reunified with the parent with whom the  
24 child lived at the time of removal.

25 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions in subdivision (c), ~~until~~  
26 ~~September 30, 2018,~~ the department shall pay 100% of the costs of  
27 any rate increase to the providers of residential foster care

1 services under contract with the department, as provided in the  
2 annual appropriation for the department budget.

3 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions in subdivision (c) and  
4 subject to appropriations, in a county with a population of not  
5 less than 575,000 or more than 650,000, for the purpose of this  
6 subdivision only for cases transferred by the department to a child  
7 placing agency, the department shall pay 100% of the administrative  
8 rate to providers responsible for foster care case management  
9 services to families of children who are court-ordered into foster  
10 care due to child abuse or child neglect and placed in the care and  
11 supervision of the department, regardless of placement setting  
12 until the prospective payment system described in subdivision (i)  
13 is implemented. This subdivision does not apply after May 1, 2019.

14 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions in subdivision (c) and  
15 subject to appropriations, the department shall implement a  
16 prospective payment system as part of a state-administered  
17 performance-based child welfare system in a county with a  
18 population of not less than 575,000 or more than 650,000, for  
19 foster care case management in accordance with section 503 of  
20 article X of 2014 PA 252. The county is only required to contribute  
21 to foster care services payments in an amount that does not exceed  
22 the average of the annual net contribution made by the county for  
23 cases received under section 2(b) of chapter XIIIA of the probate  
24 code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, in the 5 previous fiscal  
25 years before October 1, 2015. The prospective payment system as  
26 part of the state-administered performance-based child welfare  
27 system shall be implemented as described in this subdivision but

1 shall not include in-home care service funding. This subdivision  
2 does not apply after May 1, 2019.

3 (j) Subdivisions (h) and (i) only impact child abuse and child  
4 neglect services and not juvenile justice program funding. This  
5 subdivision does not apply after May 1, 2019.

6 (5) The purposes for which funding under this section shall be  
7 distributed as provided under subsection (4) may be allowed unless  
8 otherwise accessible and available by other public assistance  
9 programs necessary to achieve the goals and outcomes for in-home  
10 care or out-of-home care. Reimbursement shall not be made for costs  
11 associated with an otherwise eligible child or family, or both, if  
12 the reason for the unavailability of public assistance is due to  
13 intentional program violations and disqualification of any public  
14 assistance.

15 (6) All service providers shall submit a request for payment  
16 within 1 calendar year of the date of service. A request for  
17 payment submitted after 1 calendar year from the date of service  
18 requires the provider to submit an exception request to the county  
19 or the department for approval or denial.

20 (7) The county or the department is not subject to an offset,  
21 chargeback, or reimbursement liability when a child care fund cost  
22 is approved by the county or the department for payment after 1  
23 year from the date of service.

24 (8) The county is not subject to an offset, chargeback, or  
25 reimbursement liability for prior expenditures resulting from an  
26 error in foster care fund source determinations.

27 (9) The department is liable for the costs of all juvenile

1 justice services in a county that is a county juvenile agency other  
2 than county juvenile agency services.

3 (10) The department shall establish guidelines for the  
4 development of county juvenile justice service plans in counties  
5 that are not county juvenile agencies.

6 (11) A county that is not a county juvenile agency and  
7 receives state funds for in-home or out-of-home care of children  
8 shall submit reports to the department at least quarterly or as the  
9 department otherwise requires. The reports shall be submitted on  
10 forms provided by the executive director and shall include the  
11 number of children receiving foster care services and the number of  
12 days of care provided.

13 (12) The department shall maintain a reporting system  
14 providing that reimbursement under subsection (4)(c) shall be made  
15 only on submission of billings based on care given to a specific,  
16 individual child.

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