

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5611

March 20, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Pohutsky, Rheingans, Paiz, Young, Brenda Carter, Weiss, Byrnes, Hood, Breen, Arbit, Tsernoglou, Andrews and Morgan and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled  
"Child protection law,"  
by amending section 9 (MCL 722.629), as amended by 1988 PA 372.

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

1           Sec. 9. (1) The department, in discharging its  
2 responsibilities under this act, shall provide, directly or through  
3 the purchase of services from other agencies and professions,  
4 multidisciplinary services such as those of a pediatrician,  
5 psychologist, psychiatrist, public health nurse, social worker, or

1 attorney through the establishment of regionally based or  
2 strategically located teams. The department shall prepare a  
3 biennial report to the legislature containing information on the  
4 activities of the teams created ~~pursuant~~**according** to this  
5 subsection and including recommendations by the teams and the  
6 department regarding child abuse ~~and~~**or child** neglect when  
7 committed by ~~persons~~**a person** responsible for the child's health or  
8 welfare.

9 (2) The department shall ~~assure~~**ensure** a continuing education  
10 program for department, probate court, and private agency  
11 personnel. The program shall include responsibilities, obligations,  
12 and powers under this act and the diagnosis and treatment of child  
13 abuse ~~and~~**or child** neglect when committed by ~~persons~~**a person**  
14 responsible for the child's health or welfare.

15 (3) The department shall provide for the dissemination of  
16 information to the general public with respect to the problem of  
17 child abuse and **child** neglect in this state and the facilities,  
18 prevention, and treatment methods available to combat child abuse  
19 ~~and~~**or child** neglect when committed by ~~persons~~**a person** responsible  
20 for the child's health or welfare.

21 **(4) All individuals required to report child abuse or child**  
22 **neglect under section 3 must complete, once every 3 years, training**  
23 **developed by the department in recognizing child abuse and child**  
24 **neglect and in mandated reporting obligations.**

25 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
26 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5610 (request no.  
27 00317'23) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.