

**THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 280 of 1939**

**400.119b Report by office to governor and legislature; contents; review of effectiveness of office; report and recommendations.**

Sec. 119b. (1) Not later than August 1, 1978, the office shall make a written report to the governor and legislature setting forth principal objectives of the office for the next 2 years, which relate to its program goals and administrative responsibilities. The office shall also establish a basis for the measurement of its effectiveness.

(2) A thorough, independent review of the effectiveness of the office shall be initiated by the governor in March 1981 to be completed with a report and recommendations to the legislature and governor not later than March 1982. This review shall take into account and assess, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (a) The need for further change in the system of delivering and administering children and youth services.
- (b) Existing statutes and rules affecting children and youth.
- (c) Advancement toward the prevention of delinquency, neglect, alienation, and child abuse, and the provision of least detrimental dispositional alternatives for children and youth in trouble or at risk.
- (d) The effectiveness of the office in insuring equity in the availability of services and the protection of the rights of children and youth.
- (e) The effectiveness of the office in establishing standards of uniform practice of children and youth services.
- (f) The budgetary adequacy and utilization of funds, including the administration of title 20 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1397 to 1397f, and juvenile justice services fund.
- (g) Coordination of services in the public and private sectors and the judiciary.
- (h) The development and implementation of an information system.
- (i) Research on the problems of and services to children and youth.
- (j) The development of a network of regional detention and shelter care.
- (k) The option to transfer services staff from the judicial branch to the office.
- (l) Policy development and leadership.
- (m) The need to continue, terminate, or modify the status and function of the office as established by this act.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 87, Eff. Apr. 1, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 155, Imd. Eff. June 12, 1980.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of the Office of Children and Youth Services as a single-purpose entity within the Department of Social Services to the Department of Social Services, see E.R.O. No. 1991-8, compiled at MCL 400.221 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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