

**FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARDS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 422 of 1984**

**722.131 Definitions.**

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Child care organization" means a child caring institution or a child placing agency as defined in section 1 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1973, being section 722.111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) "Foster care" means care provided to a child on a 24-hour basis either by a child care organization or by a person or organization appointed by the juvenile division of the probate court, either temporarily or permanently, to provide court supervised child care, pursuant to any of the following:

(i) An order of the juvenile division of the probate court if the court acquired jurisdiction over the child pursuant to section 2(b)(1) or (2) of chapter XIIA of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, being section 712A.2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(ii) A voluntary action of a parent or guardian that results in an expenditure of funds appropriated to the department of social services.

(iii) A voluntary release executed pursuant to section 28 of chapter X of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, being section 710.28 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(d) "Foster care event" means any of the following:

(i) The child's return to the parent from whom the child was removed.

(ii) The child's placement with a parent other than the parent from whom the child was removed.

(iii) The child's placement with a relative.

(iv) The voluntary release of parental rights to the child.

(v) The filing on behalf of the child of a petition to terminate parental rights to the child.

(e) "Interested party" means any of the following:

(i) A biological parent whose parental rights have not been terminated.

(ii) A foster parent.

(iii) An employee or representative of the child care organization providing the foster care to the child.

(iv) A person with whom a local board consults during a review of a child in foster care.

(v) Any person designated by the state court administrator.

(f) "Local board" means a local foster care review board created under section 4.

(g) "State board program" means the state foster care review board program created in section 2.

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