HOUSE BILL No. 5930

March 30, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Schuitmaker, Mortimer, Gaffney, Newell, Nofs and Jones and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law,"

by amending section 6 (MCL 722.626), as amended by 1984 PA 418.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 6. (1) If a child suspected of being abused or neglected
- 2 is admitted to a hospital or brought to a hospital for outpatient
- 3 services and the attending physician determines that the release of
- 4 the child would endanger the child's health or welfare, the
- 5 attending physician shall notify the person in charge and the
- 6 department. The person in charge may detain the child in temporary
- 7 protective custody until the next regular business day of the
- 8 probate court, at which time the probate court shall order the
 - child detained in the hospital or in some other suitable place

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- 1 pending a preliminary hearing as required by section 14 of chapter
- 2 12A of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being
- 3 section 712A.14 of the Michigan Compiled Laws THE PROBATE CODE OF
- 4 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.14, or order the child released to the
- 5 child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
- **6** (2) When a child suspected of being an abused or neglected
- 7 child is seen by a physician, the physician shall make the
- 8 necessary examinations, which may include physical examinations, x-
- 9 rays, photographs, laboratory studies, and other pertinent studies.
- 10 The physician's written report to the department shall contain
- 11 summaries of the evaluation, including medical test results.
- 12 (3) If a report is made by a person other than a physician, or
- 13 if the physician's report is not complete, the department may
- 14 request a court order for a medical evaluation of the child. The
- 15 department shall have a medical evaluation made without a court
- 16 order if the child's health is seriously endangered and a court
- 17 order cannot be obtained. EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:
- 18 (A) THE CHILD'S HEALTH IS SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED AND A COURT
- 19 ORDER CANNOT BE OBTAINED.
- 20 (B) THE CHILD IS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS SUSPECTED TO BE THE
- 21 RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO OR CONTACT WITH METHAMPHETAMINE PRODUCTION.
- 22 SYMPTOMS SUSPECTED TO BE A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO OR CONTACT WITH
- 23 METHAMPHETAMINE PRODUCTION INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO,
- 24 RESPIRATORY DISTRESS OR BREATHING DIFFICULTY; RED, WATERING, OR
- 25 BURNING EYES; CHEMICAL OR FIRE BURN; ALTERED GAIT, STAGGERING, OR
- 26 FALLING; OR SLURRED SPEECH.