

SENATE BILL No. 719

October 17, 2001, Introduced by Senators MC COTTER, GARCIA, JOHNSON, BULLARD, HAMMERSTROM and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 389, entitled

"An act to provide for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence; to develop and establish policies, procedures, and standards for providing domestic violence assistance programs and services; to create a domestic violence prevention and treatment board and prescribe its powers and duties; to establish a domestic violence prevention and treatment fund and provide for its use; and to prescribe powers and duties of the family independence agency,"

(MCL 400.1501 to 400.1511) by adding section 11.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 11. (1) A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH AN INTERAGENCY DOMESTIC
2 VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM. THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW
3 TEAM MAY REVIEW ANY DEATH RESULTING FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

4 (2) A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM ESTABLISHED PURSU-
5 ANT TO THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY OF
6 THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL TRAINED IN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY.
2 (B) A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
3 IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ABUSE.
4 (C) A MEDICAL EXAMINER.
5 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL TRAINED OR EDUCATED AND EXPERIENCED IN
6 CRIMINOLOGY.
7 (E) A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.
8 (F) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER THAT IS
9 RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE BOARD.
10 (G) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A BATTERED WOMAN'S ADVOCACY
11 ORGANIZATION.
12 (H) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
13 (3) A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM ESTABLISHED UNDER
14 THIS SECTION MAY RECEIVE ANY REPORT, ITEM, STATEMENT, OR OTHER
15 INFORMATION FROM ANY SOURCE CONCERNING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH
16 OCCURRING WITHIN THE COUNTY.
17 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A REPORT OR
18 OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS RELATED TO OR CONCERNS A DOMESTIC VIO-
19 LENCE DEATH SHALL BE RELEASED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY TO A
20 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM.
21 (5) A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM SHALL PREPARE A
22 REPORT ON EACH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEWED. THE REPORT IS
23 CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
24 ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246. THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
25 DEATH REVIEW TEAM SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF EACH REPORT TO THE
26 BOARD.