

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1617

A bill to create the children's advocacy center act; to create the children's advocacy center fund; to provide for distributions from the fund; to prescribe the powers and duties of the fund administrator; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "children's advocacy center act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Board" means the domestic violence prevention and
5 treatment board created in section 2 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1502.

6 (b) "Children's advocacy center" means an entity accredited as
7 a child advocacy center by the national children's alliance or its
8 successor agency.

1 (c) "Fund" means the children's advocacy center fund created
2 in section 3.

3 Sec. 3. (1) The children's advocacy center fund is created
4 within the state treasury.

5 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
6 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
7 direct the investment of the fund. The statute treasurer shall
8 credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

9 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
10 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

11 (4) The department of human services shall be the
12 administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.

13 Sec. 4. (1) Money shall not be expended from the fund for the
14 first year after the effective date of this act. Beginning 2 years
15 after the effective date of this act, the board may expend money
16 from the fund as appropriated. Money in the fund shall be expended
17 only as follows:

18 (a) To provide investigative, assessment, counseling, support,
19 and educational services to victims of child sexual abuse and their
20 families through children's advocacy centers.

21 (b) To pay the actual and reasonable operating costs of
22 children's advocacy centers.

23 (c) To provide training related to child sexual abuse for
24 personnel employed or otherwise retained by children's advocacy
25 centers.

26 (d) To improve the detection, investigation, treatment, and
27 prevention of child sexual abuse through the coordinated activities

1 of children's advocacy centers, medical care providers, crime
2 victim organizations, and local, state, and federal law enforcement
3 officials.

4 (e) To improve public awareness of child sexual abuse through
5 the use of children's advocacy centers.

6 (f) To pay the actual and reasonable costs of administering
7 the fund. Not more than 10% of distributions made in any fiscal
8 year shall be used to pay administrative costs under this
9 subdivision.

10 (2) The board shall require an annual audit of income and
11 expenditures under this section and shall provide an annual report
12 of incomes and expenditures to the secretary of the senate and the
13 clerk of the house of representatives by February 1 of each year.

14 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect April 1, 2009.

15 Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless all
16 of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are enacted into
17 law:

18 (a) Senate Bill No. 1616.

19 (b) Senate Bill No. 1618.

20 (c) House Bill No. 5054.

21 (d) House Bill No. 5055.