

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4640

April 14, 2021, Introduced by Rep. Glenn and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1982 PA 250, entitled  
"Child abuse and neglect prevention act,"  
by amending section 2 (MCL 722.602), as amended by 2018 PA 60.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 2. ~~(1)~~As used in this act:
- 2       (a) "Child" means ~~a person~~ **an individual** under 18 years of
- 3 age.
- 4       (b) "Child abuse" means harm or threatened harm to a child's
- 5 health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or

1 welfare, which harm occurs or is threatened through nonaccidental  
2 physical or mental injury; sexual abuse, ~~which~~**that** includes a  
3 violation of section 145c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,  
4 MCL 750.145c.

5 (c) "Local council" means an organization that meets the  
6 criteria described in section 10(a).

7 (d) "Neglect" means harm **or threatened harm** to a child's  
8 health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or  
9 welfare that occurs through negligent treatment, including ~~the~~  
10 ~~failure~~**failing** to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or  
11 medical care, though financially able to do so, or ~~the failure~~  
12 **failing** to seek financial or other reasonable means to provide  
13 adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

14 (e) "State board" means the state child abuse and neglect  
15 prevention board created in section 3.

16 (f) "Prevention program" means a system of direct provision of  
17 child abuse and neglect prevention services to a child, parent, or  
18 guardian, and may include research programs related to ~~prevention~~  
19 ~~of~~**preventing** child abuse and neglect.

20 (g) "Trust fund" means the children's trust fund established  
21 in the department of treasury.