

# HOUSE BILL No. 4004

January 8, 1997, Introduced by Rep. Schauer and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 2606, 2625, and 2626.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 2606. "PANEL" MEANS THE CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL  
2 CREATED IN SECTION 2625.

3        SEC. 2625. (1) THE CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL IS CREATED  
4 IN THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MULTIDISCIPLINARY REVIEW OF CHILD  
5 DEATHS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPOINT THE PANEL, WHICH SHALL CON-  
6 SIST OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

7        (A) A FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A LAW  
8 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

9        (B) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CONSUMER ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION.

1 (C) A PHYSICIAN WHO SPECIALIZES IN PEDIATRIC MEDICINE.

2 (D) A COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

3 (E) A CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST.

4 (F) AN ATTORNEY FAMILIAR WITH ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD  
5 MORTALITY.

6 (G) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF A STATE  
7 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY.

8 (H) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF A  
9 STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY.

10 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM THAT  
11 DEALS WITH ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD MORTALITY.

12 (J) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT AS A MEMBER WITHOUT A  
13 VOTE.

14 (K) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY  
15 OFFICE THAT HAS JURISDICTION OVER MATTERS CONCERNING THE WELFARE  
16 OF CHILDREN AS A MEMBER WITHOUT A VOTE.

17 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE  
18 PANEL:

19 (A) STAFF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

20 (B) USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK OF MEDICAL ADVISORY  
21 BODIES FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL EXPERTISE.

22 (C) USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS AND REPORTING CAPACITY  
23 FOR CHILD MORTALITY DATA TO SUPPORT THE PANEL'S REVIEW PROCESS.

24 (D) PEDIATRIC MEDICINE CONSULTATION.

25 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES IT CONSIDERS NECES-  
26 SARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION AND SECTION 2626.

1 (4) THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS 2606 AND 2626 ARE REPEALED  
2 UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 3 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE  
3 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

4 SEC. 2626. (1) THE PANEL SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEW  
6 AND ANALYSIS OF CHILD MORTALITY PATTERNS IN THIS STATE IN ORDER  
7 TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL ACTION.

8 (B) REVIEW CHILD DEATHS IN THIS STATE.

9 (C) REVIEW POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY  
10 OF PROTECTION AFFORDED TO CHILDREN AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE  
11 NUMBER OF PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS CAN BE REDUCED.

12 (D) BEGINNING NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE PANEL IS  
13 APPOINTED, ANNUALLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT, GOV-  
14 ERNOR, AND LEGISLATURE ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR INTERVENTION  
15 TO AVOID CHILD DEATHS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE BASED ON THE  
16 PANEL'S FINDINGS AND SHALL ADDRESS STATUTE, POLICY, ADMINISTRA-  
17 TION, INTERAGENCY OR INTERDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION, TRAINING, AND  
18 RESOURCES.

19 (2) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE  
20 PANEL MAY GIVE PRIORITY TO A SPECIFIC CAUSE OR CAUSES OF CHILD  
21 DEATHS. THE PANEL MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AS IT CONSIDERS  
22 NECESSARY TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD MORTALITY.