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(FY 2021 Appropriation Act – Public Act 166 of 2020)

**March 1, 2021**

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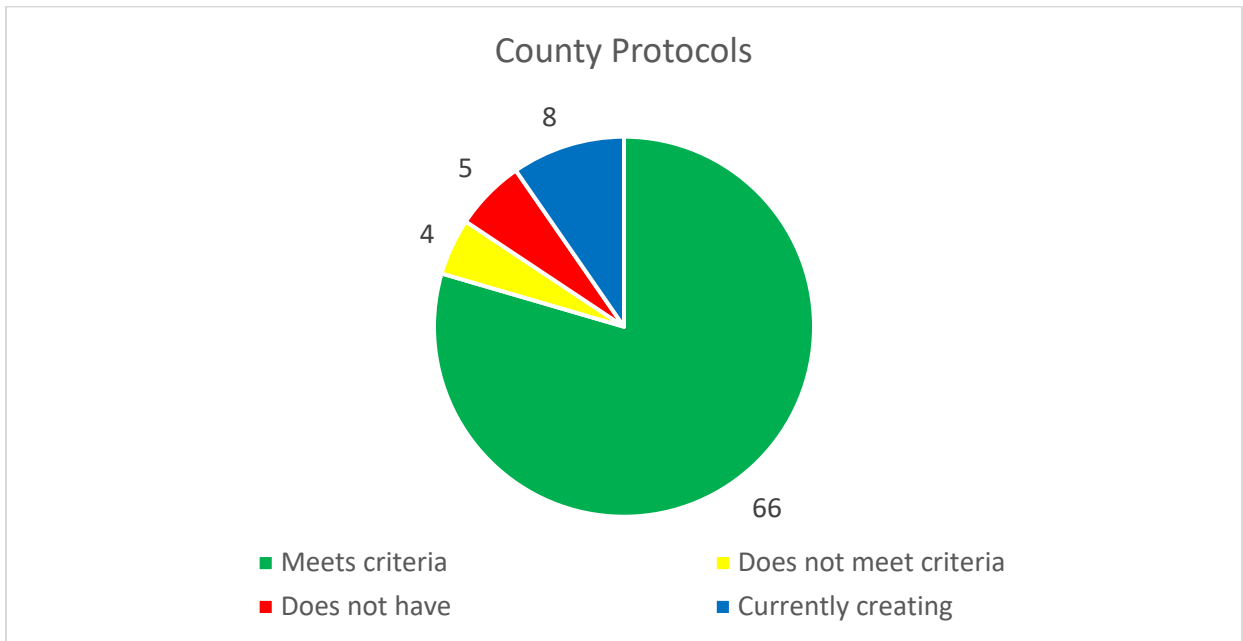


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On January 4, 2021, the department initiated a review to determine whether each county adopted and implemented standard child abuse and neglect investigation and interview protocols as required in the Child Protection Law. Each county was asked to submit their local joint investigation protocols for child abuse and neglect investigations. The Children’s Services Agency reviewed each protocol submitted to assess whether it was consistent with MCL 722.628. The department identified counties and prosecuting attorney offices who did not submit a protocol and confirmed where these protocols were not established.

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The following 66 counties have adopted and implemented protocols that meet statutory language: Alcona, Alger, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Gogebic, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Houghton, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Leelanau,

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Lenawee, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Midland, Missaukee, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne, and Wexford.

The following four counties have adopted and implemented protocols that do not meet statutory language: Delta, Lapeer, Menominee, and Schoolcraft. The department will work with these counties to ensure their protocols meet statutory requirements.

The following eight counties do not have protocols in place currently; however, they have started the process to adopt and implement a county protocol: Baraga, Iron, Keweenaw, Mecosta, Newaygo, Presque Isle, St. Clair, and St Joseph.

The following five counties have not started the process to adopt and implement a county protocol: Cass, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Monroe, Montmorency. The department will work with these counties to ensure protocols are created which meet statutory requirements.