

Excerpts from the Child Protection Law:

CHILD PROTECTION LAW
Act 238 of 1975

AN ACT to require the reporting of child abuse and neglect by certain persons; to permit the reporting of child abuse and neglect by all persons; to provide for the protection of children who are abused or neglected; to authorize limited detainment in protective custody; to authorize medical examinations; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department of social services to prevent child abuse and neglect; to prescribe certain powers and duties of local law enforcement agencies; to safeguard and enhance the welfare of children and preserve family life; to provide for the appointment of legal counsel; to provide for the abrogation of privileged communications; to provide civil and criminal immunity for certain persons; to provide rules of evidence in certain cases; to provide for confidentiality of records; to provide for the expungement of certain records; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1975, Act 238, Eff. Oct. 1, 1975; Am. 1988, Act 372, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.
The People of the State of Michigan enact:

722.621 Short title. [M.S.A. 25.248(1)]

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "child protection law".

History: 1975, Act 238, Eff. Oct. 1, 1975.

722.623 Persons required to report child abuse or neglect; [M.S.A. 25.248(3)]

Sec. 3. (1) A physician, coroner, dentist, registered dental hygienist, medical examiner, nurse, a person licensed to provide emergency medical care, audiologist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, certified social worker, social worker, social work technician, school administrator, school counselor or teacher, law enforcement officer, or regulated child care provider who has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect shall make immediately, by telephone or otherwise, an oral report, or cause an oral report to be made, of the suspected child abuse or neglect to the department.

Note: For a complete listing of P.A. 238 of 1975 see the Michigan Compiled Laws home page:

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