

**598B.315 Role of prosecutor.**

1. In a case arising under this chapter or involving the Hague convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction, the prosecutor may take any lawful action, including resort to a proceeding under this article or any other available civil proceeding to locate a child, obtain the return of a child, or enforce a child-custody determination if there is any of the following:

*a.* An existing child-custody determination.

*b.* A request to do so from a court in a pending child-custody proceeding.

*c.* A reasonable belief that a criminal statute has been violated.

*d.* A reasonable belief that the child has been wrongfully removed or retained in violation of the Hague convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction.

2. A prosecutor acting under this section acts on behalf of the court and shall not represent any party.

99 Acts, ch 103, §37