

**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](#)

Referred to in [§598B.316](#), [§598B.317](#)