SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 897

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"

(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding sections 107a and 107b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 107A. (1) THE PURPOSE OF ADDING WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT
- 2 REQUIREMENTS TO THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN
- 3 SECTION 107B IS TO ASSIST, ENCOURAGE, AND PREPARE AN ABLE-BODIED
- 4 ADULT FOR A LIFE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND INDEPENDENCE FROM
- 5 GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE.
- 6 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTION 107B:
- 7 (A) "ABLE-BODIED ADULT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 19 TO 64
- 8 YEARS OF AGE WHO IS NOT PREGNANT AND WHO DOES NOT HAVE A DISABILITY
- 9 THAT MAKES HIM OR HER ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS

- 1 ACT.
- 2 (B) "CARETAKER" MEANS A PARENT OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS TAKING
- 3 CARE OF A CHILD IN THE ABSENCE OF A PARENT OR AN INDIVIDUAL CARING
- 4 FOR A DISABLED INDIVIDUAL AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 107B(1)(F)(v). A
- 5 CARETAKER IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS
- 6 ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 107B IF HE OR SHE IS NOT A MEDICAL
- 7 ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT UNDER SECTION 105 OR 105D.
- 8 (C) "CHILD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT EMANCIPATED UNDER
- 9 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 TO 722.6, WHO LIVES WITH A PARENT OR
- 10 CARETAKER, AND WHO IS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 11 (i) UNDER THE AGE OF 18.
- 12 (ii) AGE 18 AND A FULL-TIME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
- 13 (D) "GOOD CAUSE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION" MEANS ANY OF THE
- 14 FOLLOWING:
- 15 (i) THE RECIPIENT EXPERIENCES THE BIRTH OR DEATH OF A FAMILY
- 16 MEMBER LIVING WITH HIM OR HER.
- 17 (ii) THE RECIPIENT EXPERIENCES SEVERE INCLEMENT WEATHER THAT
- 18 IS OUT OF HIS OR HER CONTROL.
- 19 (iii) THE RECIPIENT HAS A FAMILY EMERGENCY OR OTHER LIFE-
- 20 CHANGING EVENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DIVORCE OR DOMESTIC
- 21 VIOLENCE.
- 22 (iv) THE RECIPIENT EXPERIENCES A TEMPORARY ILLNESS OR INJURY.
- 23 (E) "MEDICALLY FRAIL" MEANS THAT TERM AS DESCRIBED IN 42 CFR
- 24 440.315(F).
- 25 (F) "QUALIFYING ACTIVITY" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 26 (i) EMPLOYMENT OR SELF-EMPLOYMENT, OR HAVING INCOME CONSISTENT
- 27 WITH BEING EMPLOYED OR SELF-EMPLOYED.

- 1 (ii) EDUCATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING, BUT
- 2 NOT LIMITED TO, HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST PREPARATION PROGRAM
- 3 AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.
- 4 (iii) JOB TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT.
- 5 (iv) VOCATIONAL TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT.
- 6 (v) UNPAID WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT DIRECTLY RELATED TO
- 7 EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN INTERNSHIP.
- 8 (vi) TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.
- 9 (vii) PARTICIPATION IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT.
- 10 (G) "RECIPIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING MEDICAL
- 11 ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT.
- 12 (H) "SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN
- 13 SECTION 100D OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CODE, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100D.
- 14 (I) "UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS" MEANS BENEFITS RECEIVED UNDER THE
- 15 MICHIGAN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACT, 1936 (EX SESS) PA 1, MCL 421.1 TO
- 16 421.75.
- 17 SEC. 107B. (1) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT
- 18 MUST APPLY FOR A WAIVER UNDER SECTION 1115 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
- 19 ACT, 42 USC 1315, AND SUBMIT SUBSEQUENT WAIVERS TO PROHIBIT AND
- 20 PREVENT A LAPSE IN THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AS A
- 21 CONDITION OF RECEIVING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT,
- 22 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SECTIONS 105 AND 105D. THE WAIVER
- 23 MUST BE A REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 24 (A) A REQUIREMENT OF 29 HOURS AVERAGE A WEEK PER MONTH OF
- 25 QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES OR A COMBINATION OF ANY QUALIFYING
- 26 ACTIVITIES, TO COUNT TOWARD THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
- 27 UNDER THIS SECTION.

- 1 (B) A REQUIREMENT THAT ABLE-BODIED RECIPIENTS VERIFY THAT THEY
- 2 ARE MEETING THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS BY THE FIFTH OF
- 3 EACH MONTH FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES AND
- 4 VERIFY FAMILY INCOME QUARTERLY THROUGH MIBRIDGES OR ANY OTHER
- 5 SUBSEQUENT SYSTEM. A RECIPIENT MUST REPORT A CHANGE IN FAMILY
- 6 INCOME WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER LEARNING OF THE CHANGE. IF A RECIPIENT
- 7 FAILS TO MEET THE QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES OR FAILS TO REPORT A CHANGE
- 8 IN FAMILY INCOME OR KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN COMPLYING
- 9 WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, A RECIPIENT IS GIVEN 1 WARNING THAT HE OR
- 10 SHE MUST BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT
- 11 REQUIREMENTS NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE WARNING IS ISSUED. IF
- 12 THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT BECOME COMPLIANT NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER
- 13 THE WARNING IS ISSUED, HE OR SHE IS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING
- 14 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1 YEAR.
- 15 (C) A REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT, IN ANY MONTHLY
- 16 REPORTING CYCLE, SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
- 17 DOES NOT MEET THE AVERAGE HOURS OF WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
- 18 BY UP TO 40 HOURS DUE TO A GOOD CAUSE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION.
- 19 (D) TO COUNT TOWARD THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS,
- 20 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT THAT IS COURT-ORDERED OR
- 21 PRESCRIBED BY A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL THAT IMPEDES THE
- 22 ABILITY TO MEET THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.
- 23 (E) IF A COUNTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REACHES 8.5%, ALLOW A
- 24 RECIPIENT IN THAT COUNTY TO MEET THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT
- 25 REQUIREMENT IN THIS SECTION BY ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT
- 26 ACCORDING TO THE MICHIGAN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACT, 1936 (EX SESS)
- 27 PA 1, MCL 421.1 TO 421.75. IF, ONLY AFTER A COUNTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT

- 1 RATE HAS REACHED 8.5%, THE COUNTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SUBSEQUENTLY
- 2 DROPS TO 5.0%, THE RECIPIENT MUST, AGAIN, MEET THE WORKFORCE
- 3 ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 4 (F) AN EXEMPTION FOR A RECIPIENT WHO MEETS 1 OR MORE OF THE
- 5 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- 6 (i) A RECIPIENT WHO IS THE CARETAKER OF A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS
- 7 UNDER THE AGE OF 6 YEARS. THIS EXEMPTION ALLOWS ONLY 1 PARENT AT A
- 8 TIME TO BE A CARETAKER, NO MATTER HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE BEING CARED
- 9 FOR.
- 10 (ii) A RECIPIENT WHO IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING TEMPORARY OR
- 11 PERMANENT LONG-TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS FROM A PRIVATE INSURER OR
- 12 FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
- 13 (iii) A RECIPIENT WHO IS A FULL-TIME STUDENT, WHO IS
- 14 EMANCIPATED OR WHOSE PARENTS QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID, AND WHO IS
- 15 CARRYING 12 HOURS OR MORE PER SEMESTER OR TERM. THIS INCLUDES A
- 16 STUDENT IN A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.
- 17 (iv) A RECIPIENT WHO IS PREGNANT.
- 18 (v) A RECIPIENT WHO IS THE CARETAKER OF A DEPENDENT WITH A
- 19 DISABILITY WHICH DEPENDENT NEEDS FULL-TIME CARE BASED ON A LICENSED
- 20 MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S ORDER. THIS EXEMPTION IS ALLOWED 1 TIME PER
- 21 HOUSEHOLD.
- 22 (vi) A RECIPIENT WHO IS THE CARETAKER OF AN INCAPACITATED
- 23 INDIVIDUAL EVEN IF THE INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A DEPENDENT
- 24 OF THE CARETAKER.
- 25 (vii) A RECIPIENT WHO HAS PROVEN THAT HE OR SHE HAS MET THE
- 26 GOOD CAUSE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION.
- 27 (viii) A RECIPIENT WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS MEDICALLY FRAIL.

- 1 (ix) A RECIPIENT WHO HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT RESULTS IN A
- 2 WORK LIMITATION ACCORDING TO A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S
- 3 ORDER.
- 4 (x) A RECIPIENT WHO HAS BEEN INCARCERATED WITHIN THE LAST 6
- 5 MONTHS.
- 6 (xi) A RECIPIENT WHO IS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FROM
- 7 THIS STATE. THIS EXEMPTION APPLIES DURING THE PERIOD THE RECIPIENT
- 8 RECEIVED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ENDS WHEN THE RECIPIENT IS NO
- 9 LONGER RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
- 10 (xii) A RECIPIENT WHO IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAD
- 11 PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN A FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT IN THIS STATE.
- 12 (2) AFTER THE WAIVER REQUESTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS APPROVED,
- 13 THE DEPARTMENT MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IN ITS
- 14 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS
- 15 SECTION:
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- 5 SECTION COUNTS TOWARD MEETING THE WORK REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER PUBLIC
- 6 ASSISTANCE.
- 7 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MUST FIRST DIRECT RECIPIENTS TO EXISTING
- 8 RESOURCES FOR JOB TRAINING OR OTHER EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, CHILD CARE
- 9 ASSISTANCE, TRANSPORTATION, OR OTHER SUPPORTS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
- 10 DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR ASSISTING RECIPIENTS TO MEET WORKFORCE
- 11 ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 12 (4) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND EACH YEAR THE DEPARTMENT
- 13 SUBMITS A WAIVER TO PROHIBIT AND PREVENT A LAPSE IN THE WORKFORCE
- 14 ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AFTER THAT, THE MEDICAID DIRECTOR MUST
- 15 SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, AND THE SPEAKER
- 16 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A LETTER CONFIRMING THE SUBMISSION
- 17 OF THE WAIVER REQUEST REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).
- 18 (5) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT MUST EXECUTE A
- 19 SURVEY TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE AN EVALUATION
- 20 OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER SECTIONS 105 AND 105D TO
- 21 DETERMINE HOW MANY RECIPIENTS HAVE LEFT THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
- 22 PROGRAM AND THE HEALTHY MICHIGAN PROGRAM AS A RESULT OF OBTAINING
- 23 EMPLOYMENT AND MEDICAL BENEFITS.
- 24 (6) THE DEPARTMENT MUST EXECUTE A SURVEY TO OBTAIN THE
- 25 INFORMATION NEEDED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE BEGINNING
- 26 OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND EVERY OCTOBER 1 AFTER THAT, THAT SHOWS
- 27 SEPARATELY, FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF ASSISTANCE, THE

- 1 NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS FROM WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS GRANTED
- 2 TO INDIVIDUALS IN THAT YEAR AND THE REASON THE EXEMPTIONS WERE
- 3 GRANTED:
- 4 (A) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 105.
- 5 (B) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 105D KNOWN AS HEALTHY
- 6 MICHIGAN.
- 7 (7) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION
- 8 BY CONDUCTING RANDOM AUDITS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS UNDER
- 9 SECTIONS 105 AND 105D WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE WORKFORCE
- 10 ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. THE FIRST TIME A RANDOM
- 11 AUDIT FINDS A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT NONCOMPLIANT WITH THIS
- 12 SECTION, THAT RECIPIENT HAS 1 CHANCE TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE
- 13 SECTION. IF A RECIPIENT IS FOUND NONCOMPLIANT A SECOND OR
- 14 SUBSEQUENT TIME, THE RECIPIENT IS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING MEDICAL
- 15 ASSISTANCE FOR 1 YEAR.
- 16 (8) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
- 17 SECTION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND SHALL NOTIFY RECIPIENTS
- 18 TO WHOM THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS
- 19 SECTION ARE LIKELY TO APPLY OF THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT
- 20 REQUIREMENTS 90 DAYS IN ADVANCE.
- 21 (9) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS
- 22 WHO ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM THE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER
- 23 THIS SECTION MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION. BEGINNING
- 24 OCTOBER 1, 2019, A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICANT WHO IS NOT EXEMPT
- 25 FROM THE WORK ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE IN
- 26 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER AN
- 27 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION IS MADE.

- 1 (10) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT WITHDRAW, TERMINATE, OR AMEND
- 2 ANY WAIVER SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE EXPRESS
- 3 APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FORM OF A BILL ENACTED BY LAW.
- Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 5 after the date it is enacted into law.