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Senate Bill 460

Sponsor: Senator Frederick Dillingham

Committee: Human Resources and Senior Citizens

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 460 as introduced 5-18-89:

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to specify that a person applying for assistance under the Act who is under 18 years of age, or a person who is applying on behalf of a minor, whose parent is absent from the minor's home for reasons other than the parent's death, would be required to cooperate with the State Department of Social Services in efforts to establish paternity and obtain support from the absent parent. Cooperation would include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- Appearing in the Office of Child Support when requested.
- Identifying the absent parent.
- Providing information about the absent parent's whereabouts, if known.
- Appearing at the office of the county prosecuting attorney, if requested.
- Submitting to genetic testing as described in the Paternity Act.
- Taking any other action determined by the State Department to be necessary to establish paternity and obtain child support.

An applicant for assistance who failed without good cause to cooperate as required would be ineligible to receive assistance. This provision would not apply to the determination of eligibility for assistance, however, if it conflicted with the provisions of the Social Security Act.

Proposed MCL 400.60b

Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill closely mirrors current Department of Social Services regulations, and would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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