

SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 957

(As amended March 24, 1998)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 10c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 10C. THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY SHALL IMPLEMENT A
- 2 SYSTEM OF FINGER IMAGING FOR INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR CASH
- 3 ASSISTANCE. THE SYSTEM SHALL CONSIST OF TAKING THE THUMB IMAGE OF
THE INDIVIDUAL AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. THE THUMB IMAGE SHALL
NOT BE USED IN A PROSECUTION OTHER THAN WELFARE FRAUD OR A WELFARE
RELATED CRIME. THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY SHALL NOT FINGERPRINT
AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR CASH ASSISTANCE. THE FINGER IMAGING
SHALL BE USED TO REDUCE THE INCI-
- 4 DENCE OF FRAUD. BY PREVENTING A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL FROM RECEIVING
DUPLICATE CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFITS. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PETITION THE
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY TO HAVE HIS OR HER THUMB IMAGE REMOVED
FROM THE AGENCY'S FILE IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT RECEIVED CASH
ASSISTANCE IN THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS.