

HOUSE BILL No. 5028

July 9, 1997, Introduced by Rep. McManus and referred to the Committee on Human Services and Children.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending section 57a (MCL 400.57a), as added by 1995 PA 223.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 57a. (1) The family independence agency shall estab-
2 lish and administer the family independence program to provide
3 assistance to families who are making efforts to achieve
4 independence.

5 (2) The family independence agency shall administer the
6 family independence program to accomplish all of the following:

7 (a) Provide financial support to eligible families while
8 they pursue self-improvement activities and engage in efforts to
9 become financially independent.

1 (b) Ensure that recipients who are minor parents live in
2 adult-supervised households in order to reduce long-term
3 dependency on financial assistance.

4 (c) Assist families in determining and overcoming the barri-
5 ers preventing them from achieving financial independence.

6 (d) Ensure that families pursue other sources of support
7 available to them.

8 (3) ~~The~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (4), THE family independence
9 agency shall establish income and asset levels for eligibility,
10 types of income and assets to be considered in making eligibility
11 determinations, payment standards, composition of the program
12 group and the family independence assistance group, program bud-
13 geting and accounting methods, and client reporting requirements
14 to meet the following goals:

15 (a) Efficient, fair, cost-effective administration of the
16 family independence program.

17 (b) Provision of family independence assistance to families
18 willing to work toward eventual self-sufficiency.

19 (4) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY SHALL ESTABLISH THE PAY-
20 MENT AMOUNT FOR A FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE GROUP BASED ON
21 THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD AT THE TIME ELIGIBILITY
22 IS DETERMINED. IF A CHILD IS BORN AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ELIGI-
23 BILITY IS DETERMINED, THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT TO THE FAMILY
24 INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE GROUP SHALL NOT BE INCREASED, BUT VOUCH-
25 ERS FOR FOOD SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE HOUSEHOLD FOR THAT CHILD.
26 THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CHILD WHO WAS INCLUDED IN THE
27 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 57(1)(D)(ii).