

# HOUSE BILL No. 5794

April 29, 1998, Introduced by Rep. Rocca 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 57b (MCL 400.57b), as added by 1995 PA 223.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 57b. (1) An individual who meets all of the following  
2 requirements is eligible for family independence assistance:

3       (a) Is a member of a family or a family independence assist-  
4 ance group.

5       (b) Is a member of a program group whose income and assets  
6 are less than the income and asset limits set by the family inde-  
7 pendence agency.

8       (c) In the case of a minor parent, meets the requirements of  
9 subsection (2).

10       (d) Is a United States citizen, a permanent resident alien,  
11 or a refugee.

1 (e) Is a resident of this state as described in section 32.

2 (f) Meets any other eligibility criterion required for the  
3 receipt of federal or state funds or determined by the family  
4 independence agency to be necessary for the accomplishment of the  
5 goals of the family independence program.

6 (2) A minor parent and the minor parent's child shall not  
7 receive family independence assistance unless they live in an  
8 adult-supervised household. The family independence assistance  
9 shall be paid on behalf of the minor parent and child to an adult  
10 in the adult-supervised household. Child care in conjunction  
11 with participation in education, employment readiness, training,  
12 or employment programs, which have been approved by the family  
13 independence agency, shall be provided for the minor parent's  
14 child. The minor parent and child shall live with the minor  
15 parent's parent, stepparent, or legal guardian unless the family  
16 independence agency determines that there is good cause for not  
17 requiring the minor parent and child to live with a parent, step-  
18 parent, or legal guardian. The family independence agency shall  
19 determine the circumstances that constitute good cause, based on  
20 a parent's, stepparent's, or guardian's unavailability or unwill-  
21 ingness or on a reasonable belief that there is physical, sexual,  
22 or substance abuse, or domestic violence occurring in the house-  
23 hold, or other risk to the physical or emotional health or safety  
24 of the minor parent or child. If the family independence agency  
25 determines that there is good cause for not requiring a minor  
26 parent to live with a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian, the  
27 minor parent and child shall live in another adult-supervised

1 household. A local office director may waive the requirement set  
2 forth in this subsection with respect to a minor parent who is at  
3 least 17 years of age, attending secondary school full-time, and  
4 participating in a service plan of the family independence agency  
5 or a teen parenting program, if moving would require the minor  
6 parent to change schools.

7 (3) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY MAY REQUIRE SUBSTANCE  
8 ABUSE TESTING AS A CONDITION FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE  
9 UNDER THIS ACT. AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING FAMILY INDEPENDENCE  
10 ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN  
11 SUBSECTION (1) WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE UNDER THIS  
12 SUBSECTION SHALL ENROLL IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, WHICH  
13 TREATMENT SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE RECIPIENT'S SOCIAL CONTRACT  
14 UNDER SECTION 57E.