

HOUSE BILL No. 6017

May 7, 2002, Introduced by Rep. Allen and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending sections 18a and 55a (MCL 400.18a and 400.55a),
section 18a as amended by 1996 PA 12 and section 55a as amended
by 1980 PA 251.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 18a. (1) A ~~friend of the court~~ COURT FAMILY SERVICES
2 OFFICE incentive payment program is established in the state
3 department. ~~Except as provided in subsection (2), the~~ THE pro-
4 gram shall consist of the following activities:

5 (a) An annual determination of the gross amount of child
6 support payments collected by each ~~office of the friend of the~~
7 ~~court~~ COURT FAMILY SERVICES OFFICE for families receiving ~~aid~~
8 ~~to families with dependent children~~ FAMILY INDEPENDENCE
9 ASSISTANCE, which amount is collected under the ~~friend of the~~

~~court~~ COURT FAMILY SERVICES OFFICE act, ~~Act No. 294 of the~~
~~Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.501 to 552.535 of the~~
~~Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1982 PA 294, MCL 552.501 TO 552.535, or
the support and parenting time enforcement act, ~~Act No. 295 of~~
~~the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 552.601 to 552.650 of the~~
~~Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 TO 552.650.

(b) The remitting of 3% of the amount determined under sub-
division (a) for an office, to the county treasurer for the
appropriate county or counties for deposit in the ~~fund of the~~
~~court~~ COURT FAMILY SERVICES OFFICE fund created in section 2530
of the revised judicature act of 1961, ~~Act No. 236 of the Public~~
~~Acts of 1961, being section 600.2530 of the Michigan Compiled~~
~~Laws~~ 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2530, if the county board of commis-
sioners makes appropriations in accordance with that section.

~~—(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any judicial circuit~~
~~in which the employees serving in the circuit court are employees~~
~~of the state judicial council.~~

(2) ~~—(3)~~ The legislature annually shall appropriate to the
state department an amount equal to the amount required to be
remitted under subsection (1)(b).

Sec. 55a. (1) In determining the eligibility of an appli-
cant for general assistance, and before granting the assistance,
except temporary assistance pending disposition of the case, the
county and district departments of social services shall conform
to the following:

1 (a) Require each applicant entitled to alimony or separate
2 maintenance to seek the assistance of the ~~friend of the court~~
3 COURT FAMILY SERVICES OFFICE.

4 (b) Clear with the proper legal authorities the case of an
5 applicant who is deserted by his or her spouse to determine the
6 advisability of legal action to obtain support.

7 (c) If it is indicated that eligibility for benefits from
8 other programs such as unemployment compensation, old-age and
9 survivors insurance benefits, federal veterans' benefits, ~~aid to~~
10 ~~families with dependent children~~ FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE,
11 or supplemental security income exists, secure a clearance in
12 writing with each appropriate agency.

13 (d) Require an employable person to work on a work relief or
14 work training project, or other departmental-approved activity,
15 if available, in return for assistance given. A person partici-
16 pating in a work relief or work training project shall be enti-
17 tled to the benefits provided by ~~Act No. 317 of the Public Acts~~
18 ~~of 1969, as amended, being sections 418.101 to 418.941 of the~~
19 ~~Michigan Compiled Laws~~ THE WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT
20 OF 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 TO 418.941. All work relief or
21 work training projects or other departmental-approved activities
22 authorized by this section ~~shall be~~ ARE subject to all of the
23 following conditions:

24 (i) ~~Any~~ A person required to work on an approved project
25 or activity, upon claiming to be physically incapable to work
26 when so assigned, shall be given a thorough medical examination

1 by competent medical authorities to ascertain his or her ability
2 to participate in the required project or activity.

3 (ii) Each person assigned to an approved project or activity
4 may be required to register for employment with the ~~Michigan~~
5 ~~employment security commission~~ BUREAU OF WORKER'S AND UNEMPLOY-
6 MENT COMPENSATION, if the service is available, and to investi-
7 gate all bona fide employment opportunities.

8 (e) Determine that each employable applicant, mentally and
9 physically able to work, is not currently refusing to accept
10 available employment for which wages not less than the usual rate
11 paid by that employer for the particular kind of employment are
12 being offered.

13 (2) ~~Any~~ AN employable person who, without good cause,
14 fails to participate in an approved project or activity or to
15 accept available lawful employment for which wages, not less than
16 the usual rate paid by that employer for that particular kind of
17 employment are being offered, shall have his or her needs removed
18 from the general assistance grant and ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ eligi-
19 ble for general assistance for 3 months.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
21 effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6011
22 (request no. 04605'01 *) of the 91st Legislature is enacted into
23 law.