HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 283

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for the family independence agency and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2003 and September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency; to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 PART 1
- 2 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
- 3 Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this act, the
- 4 amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the family

1	independence agency for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004,
2	from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of
3	the appropriations in this part:
4	FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY
5	Full-time equated classified positions10,768.6
6	Full-time equated unclassified positions6.0
7	Total full-time equated positions10,774.6
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$ 3,950,196,900
9	Interdepartmental grant revenues:
10	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental
11	transfers\$ 1,055,800
12	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION\$ 3,949,141,100
13	Federal revenues:
14	Total federal revenues
15	Special revenue funds:
16	Total private revenues
17	Total local revenues
18	Total other state restricted revenues
19	State general fund/general purpose \$ 1,102,344,900
20	Sec. 102. EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS
21	Total full-time equated positions470.8
22	Full-time equated unclassified positions6.0
23	Full-time equated classified positions464.8
24	Unclassified salaries6.0 FTE positions \$ 505,900
25	Salaries and wages354.8 FTE positions
26	Contractual services, supplies, and materials 7,109,300
27	Demonstration projects7.0 FTE positions 7,804,200

1	Commission on disability concerns7.0 FTE positions	944,300
2	Commission for the blind96.0 FTE positions	17,461,300
3	Youth low-vision program	260,100
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	52,266,900
5	Appropriated from:	
6	Federal revenues:	
7	Total federal revenues	34,769,600
8	Special revenue funds:	
9	Total private revenues	1,340,000
10	Total local revenues	275,000
11	Total other state restricted revenues	477,300
12	State general fund/general purpose\$	15,405,000
13	Sec. 103. FAMILY INDEPENDENCE SERVICES	
14	ADMINISTRATION	
15	Full-time equated classified positions102.8	
16	Salaries and wages71.7 FTE positions\$	3,802,500
17	Contractual services, supplies, and materials	11,673,000
18	Employment and training support services	21,228,900
19	Wage employment verification reporting2.0 FTE	
20	positions	1,907,600
21	Urban and rural empowerment/enterprise zones	100
22	Training and staff development29.1 FTE positions	8,203,100
23	Community services block grant	24,350,000
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	71,165,200
25	Appropriated from:	
26	Federal revenues:	
27	Total federal revenues	60,482,500

1	Special revenue funds:	
2	State general fund/general purpose\$	10,682,700
3	Sec. 104. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	
4	Full-time equated classified positions200.0	
5	Child support enforcement operations192.0 FTE	
6	positions\$	19,522,000
7	Legal support contracts	139,819,600
8	Child support incentive payments	32,409,600
9	Child support distribution computer system8.0 FTE	
10	positions	26,195,400
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	217,946,600
12	Appropriated from:	
13	Federal revenues:	
14	Total federal revenues	199,480,000
15	Special revenue funds:	
16	Total local revenues	340,000
17	State general fund/general purpose\$	18,126,600
18	Sec. 105. CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES	
19	Full-time equated classified positions97.8	
20	Salaries and wages37.8 FTE positions\$	1,984,700
21	Contractual services, supplies, and materials	1,407,600
22	Refugee assistance program3.0 FTE positions	12,642,300
23	Foster care payments	143,007,100
24	Wayne County foster care payments	71,060,200
25	Adoption subsidies	219,386,300
26	Adoption support services10.0 FTE positions	14,101,200
27	Youth in transition6.5 FTE positions	12,757,300

1	Interstate compact	300,100
2	Children's benefit fund donations	21,000
3	Domestic violence prevention and treatment5.0 FTE	
4	positions	13,476,400
5	Teenage parent counseling3.0 FTE positions	3,745,900
6	Family preservation and prevention services12.0	
7	FTE positions	66,285,700
8	Black child and family institute	100,100
9	Rape prevention and services	2,600,100
10	Children's trust fund administration6.0 FTE	
11	positions	439,200
12	Children's trust fund grants	3,615,000
13	Attorney general contract	2,481,100
14	Guardian contract	600,100
15	Prosecuting attorney contracts	1,061,700
16	Child care fund	141,750,000
17	Enhanced child care fund reimbursement for community	
18	programs	33,273,500
19	Child care fund administration7.5 FTE positions	884,100
20	County juvenile officers	3,754,100
21	Community support services7.0 FTE positions	1,479,500
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	752,214,300
23	Appropriated from:	
24	Federal revenues:	
25	Total federal revenues	418,128,600
26	Special revenue funds:	
27	Private - children's benefit fund donations	21,000

1	Private - collections	5,033,900
2	Local funds - county payback	34,918,000
3	Children's trust fund	3,271,800
4	State general fund/general purpose \$	290,841,000
5	Sec. 106. JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES	
6	Full-time equated classified positions820.9	
7	Juvenile justice operations800.9 FTE positions \$	69,355,000
8	Federally funded activities 12.0 FTE positions	1,727,800
9	W.J. Maxey memorial fund	45,000
10	Juvenile accountability incentive block grant4.0	
11	FTE positions	8,436,300
12	Committee on juvenile justice administration4.0	
13	FTE positions	464,900
14	Committee on juvenile justice grants	5,000,000
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	85,029,000
16	Appropriated from:	
17	Federal revenues:	
18	Total federal revenues	18,154,900
19	Special revenue funds:	
20	Total private revenues	645,000
21	Local funds - county payback	29,068,600
22	State general fund/general purpose\$	37,160,500
23	Sec. 107. LOCAL OFFICE STAFF AND OPERATIONS	
24	Full-time equated classified positions8,468.4	
25	Field staff, salaries and wages8,397.4 FTE	
26	positions\$	336,299,500
27	Contractual services, supplies, and materials	26,354,400

1	Outstationed eligibility workers60.0 FTE positions	4,664,500
2	Food stamp reinvestment	18,426,400
3	Wayne County gifts and bequests	100,000
4	Volunteer services and reimbursement11.0 FTE	
5	positions	1,956,000
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	387,800,800
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Federal revenues:	
9	Total federal revenues	237,173,150
10	Special revenue funds:	
11	Local funds - donated funds	191,100
12	Private funds - Wayne County gifts	100,000
13	Private funds - hospital contributions	2,332,250
14	State general fund/general purpose\$	148,004,300
15	Sec. 108. DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES	
16	Full-time equated classified positions606.0	
17	Disability determination operations580.0 FTE	
18	positions\$	68,756,200
19	Medical consultation program21.0 FTE positions	2,826,600
20	Retirement disability determination5.0 FTE	
21	positions	828,800
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	72,411,600
23	Appropriated from:	
24	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
25	Department of management and budget - office of	
26	retirement systems	1,055,800
27	Appropriated from:	

1	Federal revenues:	
2	Total federal revenues	68,534,100
3	State general fund/general purpose\$	2,821,700
4	Sec. 109. CENTRAL SUPPORT ACCOUNTS	
5	Rent\$	44,645,800
6	Occupancy charge	11,448,300
7	Grand tower facility reimbursement	1,905,100
8	Travel	5,967,700
9	Equipment	1,087,500
10	Workers' compensation	5,957,100
11	Advisory commissions	18,000
12	Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	178,733,400
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	249,762,900
14	Appropriated from:	
15	Federal revenues:	
16	Total federal revenues	160,028,600
17	Special revenue funds:	
18	Local funds - county payback	304,400
19	State general fund/general purpose\$	89,429,900
20	Sec. 110. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
21	Full-time equated classified positions7.9	
22	Family independence program\$	343,209,700
23	State disability assistance payments	24,045,200
24	Food assistance program benefits	833,011,200
25	State supplementation	59,668,500
26	State supplementation administration	2,624,300
27	Low-income energy assistance program7.9 FTE	

1	positions	116,467,700
2	State emergency relief	41,908,300
3	Weatherization assistance	15,940,800
4	Day care services	480,374,700
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION\$	1,917,250,400
6	Appropriated from:	
7	Federal revenues:	
8	Total federal revenues	1,413,262,700
9	Special revenue funds:	
10	Child support collections	47,710,700
11	Supplemental security income recoveries	5,104,800
12	Public assistance recoupment revenue	2,500,000
13	State general fund/general purpose\$	448,672,200
14	Sec. 111. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
14 15	Sec. 111. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Information technology services and projects \$	45,467,800
		45,467,800 70,000,100
15	Information technology services and projects \$	
15 16	<pre>Information technology services and projects \$ Child support automation</pre>	70,000,100
15 16 17	Information technology services and projects \$ Child support automation	70,000,100 12,307,300
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Information technology services and projects\$ Child support automation Client services system Data system enhancement GROSS APPROPRIATION \$ Appropriated from: Federal revenues: Total federal revenues	70,000,100 12,307,300 16,574,000 144,349,200
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Information technology services and projects. \$ Child support automation. Client services system. Special revenue funds: \$ Child support automation. Special revenues and projects. \$ \$ Appropriated system enhancement. Special revenue funds:	70,000,100 12,307,300 16,574,000 144,349,200

1	PART 2
2	PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
3	GENERAL SECTIONS
4	Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
5	constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under
6	part 1 for fiscal year 2003-2004 is \$1,172,441,700.00 and state
7	spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government
8	for fiscal year 2003-2004 is \$192,628,700.00. The itemized statement
9	below identifies appropriations from which spending to units of local
10	government will occur:
11	FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY
12	CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
13	Adoption subsidies\$ 83,796,800
14	JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
15	Child care fund
16	County juvenile officers
17	Enhanced child care fund reimbursement for community
18	programs
19	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
20	State disability program
21	TOTAL\$ 192,628,700
22	Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this act are
23	subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to
24	18.1594.
25	Sec. 203. As used in this act:
26	(a) "Department" means the family independence agency.

- 1 (b) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- 2 (c) "Temporary assistance for needy families" or "TANF" or "title
- 3 IV-A" means part A of title IV of the social security act, chapter
- 4 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 601 to 604, 605 to 608, and 609 to 619.
- 5 (d) "Title IV-D" means part D of title IV of the social security
- 6 act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 651 to 655, 656 to 657, 658a
- 7 to 660, and 663 to 669b.
- 8 (e) "Title IV-E" means part E of title IV of the social security
- **9** act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 670 to 673, 673b to 679, and
- **10** 679b.
- 11 Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill departments
- 12 and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for the 1% charge
- 13 authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of
- 14 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount of the billing by
- 15 the end of the second fiscal quarter.
- 16 Sec. 205. (1) Beginning October 1, a hiring freeze is imposed on
- 17 the state classified civil service. State departments and agencies
- 18 are prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
- 19 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
- 20 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not apply
- 21 to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position to
- 22 another within a department.
- 23 (2) The state budget director shall grant exceptions to this
- 24 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the hiring
- 25 freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency unable to
- 26 deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the state, result in
- 27 the inability of the state to receive federal funds, or necessitate

- 1 additional expenditures that exceed any savings from maintaining a
- 2 vacancy. The state budget director shall report monthly to the
- 3 chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees and the
- 4 senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices on the number of
- 5 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous month and
- 6 the reasons to justify the exception.
- 7 Sec. 207. At least 60 days before beginning any effort to
- 8 privatize, the department shall submit a complete project plan to the
- 9 appropriate senate and house of representatives appropriations
- 10 subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies. The plan
- 11 shall include the criteria under which the privatization initiative
- 12 will be evaluated. The evaluation shall be completed and submitted to
- 13 the appropriate senate and house of representatives appropriations
- 14 subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies within 30
- 15 months.
- 16 Sec. 208. Unless otherwise specified, the department shall use
- 17 the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this act. This
- 18 shall include transmission of reports via electronic mail, including a
- 19 link to the Internet site, to the recipients identified for each
- 20 reporting requirement, or it may include placement of reports on the
- 21 Internet or Intranet site. On an annual basis, the department shall
- 22 provide a cumulative listing of the reports to the house and senate
- 23 appropriations subcommittees and the house and senate fiscal agencies
- 24 and policy offices.
- 25 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for the
- 26 purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively
- 27 priced American goods or services, or both, of comparable quality are

- 1 available.
- 2 Sec. 210. The director of each department receiving
- 3 appropriations in part 1 shall take all reasonable steps to ensure
- 4 businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and
- 5 perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. Each
- 6 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department
- 7 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and
- 8 deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.
- 9 Sec. 211. The department may receive and expend advances or
- 10 reimbursements from the department of state police for the
- 11 administration of the individual and family grant disaster assistance
- 12 program. An account shall be established in the department for this
- 13 purpose when a disaster is declared. The authorization and allotment
- 14 for the account shall be in the amount advanced or reimbursed from the
- 15 department of state police.
- 16 Sec. 212. In addition to funds appropriated in part 1 for all
- 17 programs and services, there is appropriated for write-offs of
- 18 accounts receivable, deferrals, and for prior year obligations in
- 19 excess of applicable prior year appropriations, an amount equal to
- 20 total write-offs and prior year obligations, but not to exceed amounts
- 21 available in prior year revenues or current year revenues that are in
- 22 excess of the authorized amount.
- 23 Sec. 213. (1) The department may retain all of the state's share
- 24 of food assistance overissuance collections as an offset to general
- 25 fund/general purpose costs. Retained collections shall be applied
- 26 against federal funds deductions in all appropriation units where
- 27 department costs related to the investigation and recoupment of food

- 1 assistance overissuances are incurred. Retained collections in excess
- 2 of such costs shall be applied against the federal funds deducted in
- 3 the executive operations appropriation unit.
- 4 (2) The department shall report to the legislature during the
- 5 senate and house budget hearings on the status of the food stamp error
- 6 rate. The report shall include at least all of the following:
- 7 (a) An update on federal sanctions and federal requirements for
- 8 reinvestment due to the food stamp error rate.
- 9 (b) Review of the status of training for employees who administer
- 10 the food assistance program.
- 11 (c) An outline of the past year's monthly status of worker to food
- 12 stamp cases and monthly status of worker to food stamp applications.
- 13 (d) Information detailing the effect and change in staffing due to
- 14 the early retirement option.
- 15 (e) Corrective action through policy, rules, and programming being
- 16 taken to reduce the food stamp error rate.
- 17 (f) Any other information regarding the food stamp error rate,
- 18 including information pertaining to technology and computer
- 19 applications used for the food assistance program.
- Sec. 214. (1) The department shall submit a report to the
- 21 chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on
- 22 the family independence agency budget and the senate and house fiscal
- 23 agencies and policy offices and the state budget director on the
- 24 details of allocations within program budgeting line items and within
- 25 the salaries and wages line items in the local office staff and
- 26 operations appropriation unit. The report shall include a listing, by
- 27 account, dollar amount, and fund source, of salaries and wages;

- 1 longevity and insurance; retirement; contractual services, supplies,
- 2 and materials; equipment; travel; and grants within each program line
- 3 item appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.
- 4 (2) On a bimonthly basis, the department shall report on the
- 5 number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff.
- 6 Sec. 215. If a legislative objective of this act or the social
- 7 welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, cannot be implemented
- 8 without loss of federal financial participation because implementation
- 9 would conflict with or violate federal regulations, the department
- 10 shall notify the state budget director, the house and senate
- 11 appropriations committees, and the house and senate fiscal agencies
- 12 and policy offices of that fact. Upon receipt of the notification, a
- 13 joint house and senate committee made up of the members of the house
- 14 and senate appropriations subcommittees dealing with appropriations
- 15 for the family independence agency may be appointed to meet with the
- 16 director of the department to review the substantive, procedural, and
- 17 legal ramifications of the legislative objective and to develop a plan
- 18 to attain that legislative objective.
- 19 Sec. 218. (1) The department shall prepare a semiannual report
- 20 on the TANF federal block grant. The report shall include projected
- 21 expenditures for the current fiscal year, an accounting of any
- 22 previous year funds carried forward, and a summary of all
- 23 interdepartmental or interagency agreements relating to the use of
- 24 TANF funds. The report shall be forwarded to the state budget
- 25 director and the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the
- 26 family independence agency budget and the house and senate fiscal
- 27 agencies and policy offices on or before January 15, 2004 and May 15,

- **1** 2004.
- 2 (2) The state budget director shall give prior written notice to
- 3 the members of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees for
- 4 the family independence agency and to the house and senate fiscal
- 5 agencies and policy offices of any proposed changes in utilization or
- 6 distribution of TANF funding or the distribution of TANF maintenance
- 7 of effort spending relative to the amounts reflected in the annual
- 8 appropriations acts of all state agencies where TANF funding is
- 9 appropriated.
- 10 Sec. 220. (1) In contracting with faith-based organizations for
- 11 mentoring or supportive services, and in all contracts for services,
- 12 the department shall ensure that no funds provided directly to
- 13 institutions or organizations to provide services and administer
- 14 programs shall be used or expended for any sectarian activity,
- 15 including sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization.
- 16 (2) If an individual requests the service and has an objection to
- 17 the religious character of the institution or organization from which
- 18 the individual receives or would receive services or assistance, the
- 19 department shall provide the individual within a reasonable time after
- 20 the date of the objection with assistance or services and which are
- 21 substantially the same as the service the individual would have
- 22 received from the organization.
- 23 (3) The department shall ensure that faith-based organizations are
- 24 able to apply and compete for services, programs, or contracts that
- 25 they are qualified and suitable to fulfill. The department shall not
- 26 disqualify faith-based organizations solely on the basis of the
- 27 religious nature of their organization or their guiding principles or

- 1 statements of faith.
- 2 (4) The department shall follow guidelines related to faith-based
- 3 involvement established in section 104 of title I of the personal
- 4 responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public
- **5** Law 104-193, 42 U.S.C. 604a.
- 6 Sec. 221. If the revenue collected by the department from
- 7 private and local sources exceeds the amount spent from amounts
- 8 appropriated in part 1, the revenue may be carried forward, with
- 9 approval from the state budget director, into the subsequent fiscal
- 10 year.
- 11 Sec. 223. (1) The department shall make a determination of
- 12 Medicaid eligibility not later than 60 days after all information to
- 13 make the determination is received from the applicant when disability
- 14 is an eligibility factor. For all other Medicaid applicants, the
- 15 department shall make a determination of Medicaid eligibility not
- 16 later than 45 days after all information to make the determination is
- 17 received from the applicant.
- 18 (2) The department shall analyze the efficacy of centralized
- 19 monthly processing of Medicaid spend-down paperwork for clients whose
- 20 monthly income amount is stable. The department shall present the
- 21 findings of the analysis to the senate and house appropriations
- 22 subcommittees on the family independence agency, during budget
- 23 deliberations, and distribute the findings to the senate and house
- 24 standing committees on human services matters, senate and house fiscal
- 25 agencies, and policy offices.
- 26 Sec. 227. The department, with the approval of the state budget
- 27 director, is authorized to realign sources of financing authorizations

- 1 in order to maximize temporary assistance for needy families'
- 2 maintenance of effort countable expenditures. This realignment of
- 3 financing shall not be made until 15 days after notifying the chairs
- 4 of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the family
- 5 independence agency and house and senate fiscal agencies, and shall
- 6 not produce an increase or decrease in any line-item expenditure
- 7 authorization.
- 8 Sec. 259. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 9 information technology, the department shall pay user fees to the
- 10 department of information technology for technology-related services
- 11 and projects. User fees shall be subject to provisions of an
- 12 interagency agreement between the department and the department of
- 13 information technology.
- 14 (2) By October 15, 2003, the department shall report on the
- 15 interagency agreement with the department of information technology to
- 16 the house and senate appropriations subcommittees for the family
- 17 independence agency budget, house and senate fiscal agencies, and
- 18 policy offices. The report shall include the base service priorities
- 19 in the agreement including, but not limited to, the following:
- 20 (a) Name and description of base service.
- (b) Detail goals and objectives related to each base service.
- (c) Cost of each base service.
- 23 (d) Time frame for implementation or completion of base service.
- 24 (3) Individual projects within the interagency agreement with a
- 25 cost of \$500,000.00 or greater must be reported to the house and
- 26 senate appropriations subcommittees for the family independence agency
- 27 budget, house and senate fiscal agencies, and policy offices.

- 1 (4) As used in this section, "base services" means all services to
- 2 be supplied by the department of information technology that are to be
- 3 purchased by the department under the provisions of the interagency
- 4 agreement.
- 5 Sec. 260. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
- 6 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward to
- 7 support department projects under the direction of the department of
- 8 information technology. Funds designated in this manner are not
- 9 available for expenditure until approved as work projects under
- 10 section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
- **11** MCL 18.1451a.
- 12 Sec. 261. (1) The department shall consult with the house and
- 13 senate appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency
- 14 regarding the planned restructuring of local offices in response to
- 15 2002 PA 93. Issues to be covered shall include service delivery
- 16 structure, facility needs, and administrative support. Any plan
- 17 presented shall ensure that the department provides a presence and
- 18 services in every county.
- 19 (2) The department shall report to the house and senate
- 20 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget,
- 21 the house and senate fiscal agencies and policy offices, and the state
- 22 budget director on or before January 1, 2004 on a plan to restructure
- 23 local field offices in counties with more than 10 local offices.
- 24 Sec. 264. Provided that an employee does not violate federal or
- 25 state laws, breach confidentiality, violate civil service rules, or
- 26 represent a formal department position without prior written
- 27 authorization, the department shall ensure that all department

- 1 employees, while on their personal time, are permitted to have
- 2 appropriate communications with legislators and their staff.
- 3 Sec. 269. (1) If title IV-D-related child support collections
- 4 are escheated, the state budget director is authorized to adjust the
- 5 sources of financing for the funds appropriated in part 1 for legal
- 6 support contracts to reduce federal authorization by 66% of the
- 7 escheated amount and increase general fund/general purpose
- 8 authorization by the same amount. This budget adjustment is required
- 9 to offset the loss of federal revenue due to the escheated amount
- 10 being counted as title IV-D program income in accordance with federal
- 11 regulations at 45 C.F.R. 304.50.
- 12 (2) The department shall report to the house and senate
- 13 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget,
- 14 the house and senate fiscal agencies and policy offices, and the state
- 15 budget director on or before February 1, 2004 on the total escheated
- 16 amount described in subsection (1).
- 17 Sec. 270. A report required to be provided to the legislature
- 18 and the state budget director under this act shall include all of the
- 19 following information:
- 20 (a) The average cost per recipient served by the program.
- 21 (b) Information regarding how outcome achievement is measured in
- 22 the program.
- (c) Information regarding the measure used to determine how the
- 24 program meets the goals of safety, permanence, well-being, and
- 25 independence.
- 26 Sec. 271. (1) The department shall report to the senate and
- 27 house appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency,

- 1 the senate and house standing committees on human services, the senate
- 2 and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and
- 3 the state budget director on the progress of child and family services
- 4 reviews (CFSR). The reviews, conducted in the state by the children's
- 5 bureau of the United States department of health and human services,
- 6 are intended to assess the department's compliance with the adoption
- 7 and safe families act of 1997, Public Law 105-89, 111 Stat. 2115, with
- 8 the ultimate goal of improving the state child welfare system and the
- 9 safety, permanency, and child and family service outcomes to children
- 10 and families. The report shall be submitted quarterly beginning in
- **11** December 2003.
- 12 (2) The report required under subsection (1) shall include the
- 13 findings and progress of all of the following:
- 14 (a) Changes made by the courts with respect to court forms and
- 15 court rules to meet the statutory requirement.
- 16 (b) Department policy changes within the areas of foster care,
- 17 juvenile justice, and adoption to meet the statutory requirements.
- 18 (c) Recommendations made by a workgroup composed of department and
- 19 other agency stakeholders.
- 20 (d) A summary of the 7 systemic factors that determine the state's
- 21 compliance with the adoption and safe families act of 1997, Public Law
- 22 105-89, 111 Stat. 2115.
- (e) A summary of the 7 data outcome indicators used to determine
- 24 the state's compliance with the adoption and safe families act of
- 25 1997, Public Law 105-89, 111 Stat. 2115, including the length of time
- 26 required to achieve family reunification for foster care cases.
- (f) Federal recommendations made to the state, including

- 1 recommendations to the courts.
- 2 (g) Federal penalties assessed against the state for
- 3 noncompliance.
- 4 (h) Status of the performance improvement plan submitted to the
- 5 federal government.
- 6 Sec. 272. (1) The department shall report to the senate and
- 7 house appropriation subcommittees on the family independence agency,
- 8 the senate and house standing committees on human services, the senate
- 9 and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and
- 10 the state budget director on the result of the title IV-E foster care
- 11 eligibility reviews. The reviews, conducted in the state by the
- 12 United States department of health and human services, are intended to
- 13 assess the department's compliance with the adoption and safe families
- 14 act of 1997, Public Law 105-89, 111 Stat. 2115, ensuring the
- 15 department's case files and payments records meet federal regulations,
- 16 including standards on eligibility for placement reimbursement and the
- 17 allowable payment rate.
- 18 (2) The report required under subsection (1) shall include the
- 19 findings and progress of all of the following:
- (a) Training programs conducted by the department and the Michigan
- 21 judicial institute.
- (b) Changes made by the courts on court forms and rules used in
- 23 meeting the statutory requirements.
- (c) Department policy changes that impact meeting the statutory
- 25 requirements for foster care and adoption, including juvenile justice
- 26 programs.
- 27 (d) Recommendations made by a department workgroup composed of

- 1 representatives from the department and other departments and
- 2 agencies.
- 3 (e) Federal recommendations submitted to the state, including
- 4 recommendations to the courts.
- 5 (f) Federal penalties assessed against the state.
- 6 Sec. 274. The department may report to the house and senate
- 7 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget,
- 8 the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy
- 9 offices, and the state budget director as part of the annual budget
- 10 presentation on each federal grant this state was eligible to apply
- 11 for but for any reason chose not to submit an application.
- 12 Sec. 275. Of the funds appropriated in part 1, no funds shall be
- 13 used by the department for advertising unless required by state or
- 14 federal regulations.
- 15 Sec. 276. The departments and agencies receiving appropriations
- 16 in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from
- 17 appropriations in part 1. The department shall follow all federal
- 18 guidelines and state laws regarding short-term and long-term retention
- 19 of records.
- Sec. 277. Not more than 30 days after receiving a published
- 21 report from the office of auditor general that states that the
- 22 department has not complied with state or federal law, rule, or
- 23 regulation, the department shall provide a report to the house and
- 24 senate committees having jurisdiction over the family independence
- 25 agency. The report shall state the reason for the noncompliance, a
- 26 corrective action plan to bring the department into compliance, and
- 27 the time frame for implementing and executing the plan.

1 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

- 2 Sec. 302. The appropriation in part 1 for the Michigan
- 3 commission for the blind includes funds for case services. These
- 4 funds may be used for tuition payments for blind clients for the
- 5 school year beginning September 2003.

6 FAMILY INDEPENDENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- 7 Sec. 403. Not later than September 30 of each year, the
- 8 department shall submit for public hearing to the chairpersons of the
- 9 house and senate appropriations subcommittees dealing with
- 10 appropriations for the family independence agency the proposed use and
- 11 distribution plan for community services block grant funds
- 12 appropriated in part 1 for the succeeding fiscal year.
- 13 Sec. 404. The department shall develop a plan based on
- 14 recommendations from the department of civil rights and from Native
- 15 American organizations to assure that the community services block
- 16 grant funds are equitably distributed. The plan must be developed by
- 17 October 31, 2003, and the plan shall be delivered to the
- 18 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency in the
- 19 house and senate.
- 20 Sec. 413. (1) Contingent upon the receipt of a refund from the
- 21 federal government related to penalties previously imposed for the
- 22 child support enforcement system, [\$12,700,000.00] of the refund is
- 23 appropriated for the following programs in the following amounts to
- 24 provide funding in addition to funds appropriated in part 1:
- 25 (a) \$500,000.00 for establishment or enhancement of domestic

- Senate Bill No. 283 (H-1) as amended June 12, 2003
- 1 violence supervised parenting time centers.
- 2 (b) \$5,726,500.00 for the enhanced child care fund reimbursement
- 3 for in-home services program.
- 4 (c) \$50,000.00 for the Michigan coordinated access to food for the
- 5 elderly (MICAFE) program.
- 6 (d) \$78,500.00 for a school-based crisis intervention
- 7 demonstration project in Pontiac.
- 8 (e) \$45,000.00 for 5 communities to develop young at-risk males of
- 9 color networks.
- (f) \$500,000.00 for the effective family formation program.
- 11 (q) \$750,000.00 to provide a more uniform rate structure for
- 12 specialized foster care by raising the rates for private agencies
- 13 whose rates are below the median.
- 14 (h) \$1,250,000.00 to provide a rate increase for foster care and
- 15 adoption subsidies for parents and agencies.
- 16 (i) \$150,000.00 for the 1 church 1 child program.
- 17 (j) \$500,000.00 to fund a pilot program in 4 counties to offer a
- 18 6-hour to 10-hour counseling class to Medicaid eligible pregnant teens
- 19 on the merits of releasing their newborn child for adoption.
- 20 (k) \$500,000.00 for a 3-year teen pregnancy prevention project in
- 21 the Pontiac school district.
- (l) \$150,000.00 for a homeless prevention program working with
- 23 extended families of clients at-risk for homelessness.
 - [(m) \$2,000,000.00 to cities in Michigan with a population of more than 900,000 people and \$500,000.00 to cities in Michigan with a population of more than 150,000 people, but less than 900,000 people, for a pilot project to implement the Amer-I-Can program.]
- 24 (2) The funds appropriated in subsection (1) shall be considered a
- 25 1-time authority.
- 26 (3) Contingent upon the receipt of the refund mentioned in
- 27 subsection (1), \$2,000,000.00 in federal title IV-E match is

- 1 appropriated for the following programs in the following amounts to
- 2 provide funding in addition to funds appropriated in part 1 and
- 3 subsection (1):
- 4 (a) \$750,000.00 to provide a more uniform rate structure for
- 5 specialized foster care by raising the rates for private agencies
- 6 whose rates are below the median.
- 7 (b) \$1,250,000.00 to provide a rate increase for foster care and
- 8 adoption subsidies for parents and agencies.
- 9 Sec. 414. (1) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for community
- 10 services block grants, \$2,350,000.00 represents TANF funding earmarked
- 11 for community action agencies.
- 12 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for community services
- 13 block grants, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF
- 14 funds only to the community action agencies that report necessary data
- 15 to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility
- 16 reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section
- 17 should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.
- 18 Sec. 415. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 19 employment and training support services, the department shall expend
- 20 \$499,900.00 in TANF to fund a fatherhood initiative program. The
- 21 department may contract with independent contractors from various
- 22 counties, including, but not limited to, faith-based and nonprofit
- 23 organizations. The independent contractors shall provide at least 10%
- 24 in matching funds, through any combination of local, state, or federal
- 25 funds or in-kind or other donations. An independent contractor that
- 26 cannot secure matching funds shall not be excluded from consideration
- 27 for the fatherhood program.

- 1 (2) The department may choose providers that will work with
- 2 counties to help eligible fathers under TANF guidelines to acquire
- 3 skills that will enable them to increase their responsible behavior
- 4 toward their children and the mothers of their children. An increase
- 5 of financial support for their children should be a very high priority
- 6 as well as emotional support.
- 7 (3) A fatherhood initiative program established under this section
- 8 shall minimally include at least 3 of the following components:
- 9 promoting responsible, caring, and effective parenting through
- 10 counseling; mentoring and parental education; enhancing the abilities
- 11 and commitment of unemployed or low-income fathers to provide material
- 12 support for their families and to avoid or leave welfare programs by
- 13 assisting them to take advantage of job search programs, job training,
- 14 and education to improve their work habits and work skills; improving
- 15 fathers' ability to effectively manage family business affairs by
- 16 means such as education, counseling, and mentoring in household
- 17 matters; infant care; effective communication and respect; anger
- 18 management; children's financial support; and drug-free lifestyle.
- 19 (4) The department is authorized to make allocations of TANF
- 20 funds, of not more than 20% per county, under this section only to
- 21 agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose
- 22 of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF
- 23 funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing
- 24 commitment of funding.
- 25 (5) Upon receipt of the promotion of responsible fatherhood funds
- 26 from the United States department of health and human services, the
- 27 agency shall use the program criteria set forth in subsection (3) to

- 1 implement the program with the federal funds.
- 2 Sec. 416. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 3 employment and training support services, the department may expend up
- 4 to \$749,900.00 in TANF to fund a marriage initiative program. The
- 5 department may contract with independent contractors from various
- 6 counties, including, but not limited to, faith-based and nonprofit
- 7 organizations. The independent contractors shall provide at least 10%
- 8 in matching funds, through any combination of local, state, or federal
- 9 funds or in-kind or other donations. An independent contractor that
- 10 cannot secure matching funds shall not be excluded from consideration
- 11 for a marriage initiative program.
- 12 (2) The department may choose providers to work with counties that
- 13 will work to support and strengthen marriages of those eligible under
- 14 the TANF guidelines. The areas of work may include, but are not
- 15 limited to, marital counseling, domestic violence counseling, family
- 16 counseling, effective communication, and anger management as well as
- 17 parenting skills to improve the family structure.
- 18 (3) A marriage initiative program established under this section
- 19 may include, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following:
- 20 public advertising campaigns on the value of marriage and the skills
- 21 needed to increase marital stability and health; education in high
- 22 schools on the value of marriage, relationship skills, and budgeting;
- 23 premarital, marital, family, and domestic violence counseling;
- 24 effective communication; marriage mentoring programs which use married
- 25 couples as role models and mentors in at-risk communities; anger
- 26 management; and parenting skills to improve the family structure.
- 27 (4) The department is authorized to make allocations of TANF

- 1 funds, of not more than 20% per county, under this section only to
- 2 agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose
- 3 of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF
- 4 funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing
- 5 commitment of funding.
- 6 (5) Upon receipt of the health promotion grant from the United
- 7 States department of health and human services, the agency shall use
- 8 the program criteria set forth in subsection (3) to implement the
- 9 program with the federal funds.
- 10 Sec. 417. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 11 community services block grant, the department shall expend up to
- 12 \$650,000.00 to fund a bureau of community action and economic
- 13 opportunity and a commission on community action and social
- 14 opportunity. The bureau shall serve as a statewide advocate for
- 15 social and economic opportunities for low-income individuals, and the
- 16 commission shall provide an opportunity for low-income individuals to
- 17 actively participate in the development of policies and programs to
- 18 reduce poverty. The bureau shall contract with public agencies,
- 19 nonprofit private agencies, or nonprofit organizations for
- 20 demonstration programs and other services necessary to implement
- 21 community social and economic programs to reduce poverty.
- 22 (2) The department shall report to the senate and house
- 23 appropriation subcommittees for the family independence agency budget,
- 24 the senate and house standing committees on human services matters,
- 25 and the senate and house fiscal agencies on the use of the funds
- 26 described in subsection (1). The report shall include all of the
- 27 following:

- 1 (a) Number of full-time equated employees funded.
- 2 (b) Administrative duties performed.
- 3 (c) The relationship between duties and the bureau of community
- 4 action and economic opportunity and the commission on community action
- 5 and social opportunity.
- 6 Sec. 418. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for employment
- 7 and training support services, \$250,000.00 shall be appropriated to
- 8 the Michigan IDA partnership to allocate to individual development
- 9 account (IDA) matched savings programs serving TANF eligible
- 10 households in Michigan. It is the intent of the legislature that the
- 11 same amount be appropriated annually in each of the subsequent 4
- 12 fiscal years.
- 13 Sec. 419. The department in collaboration with the Michigan
- 14 state university center for urban affairs and its partner
- 15 organizations, the Michigan credit union league and the national
- 16 federation of community development credit unions, shall further the
- 17 work begun in fiscal year 1999-2000 that implemented the individual
- 18 development accounts programs in the growing number of low-income
- 19 designated credit unions, i.e., community development credit unions
- 20 (CDCUs) located in this state's poorest communities. This further
- 21 work will extend capacity-building and technical assistance services
- 22 to existing and emerging CDCUs serving low-income populations and will
- 23 include:
- 24 (a) Creation of a Michigan-based support system for the
- 25 capacity-building of existing and emerging CDCUs serving low-income
- 26 individuals and families, including development and testing of
- 27 training, technical assistance, and professional development

- 1 initiatives and related materials, and other capacity-building
- 2 services to Michigan CDCUs.
- 3 (b) Other related support to assist existing and emerging CDCUs in
- 4 becoming self-supporting institutions to assist impoverished Michigan
- 5 residents in becoming economically independent.
- 6 (c) Training and technical assistance to CDCUs in the development
- 7 of support services, such as economic literacy, credit counseling,
- 8 budget counseling, and asset management programs for low-income
- 9 individuals and families.
- 10 Sec. 420. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for employment
- 11 and training support services, the department shall allocate
- 12 \$40,000.00 in TANF for welfare to career innovation grants to
- 13 replicate the Kent County model with Cascade engineering in 4 other
- 14 counties.
- 15 Sec. 421. The department shall work with the department of
- 16 career development to develop a monthly work first notification
- 17 procedure reporting each participant's progress to both the department
- 18 and the participant.

19 CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

- 20 Sec. 501. The following goal is established by state law.
- 21 During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, not more than 3,000
- 22 children supervised by the department shall remain in foster care
- 23 longer than 24 months. The department shall give priority to reducing
- 24 the number of children under 1 year of age in foster care.
- 25 Sec. 502. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care,
- 26 the department shall provide 50% reimbursement to Indian tribal

- 1 governments for foster care expenditures for children who are under
- 2 the jurisdiction of Indian tribal courts and who are not otherwise
- 3 eligible for federal foster care cost sharing.
- 4 Sec. 503. The department shall continue adoption subsidy
- 5 payments to families after the eighteenth birthday of an adoptee who
- 6 meets the following criteria:
- 7 (a) Has not yet graduated from high school or passed a high school
- 8 equivalency examination.
- 9 (b) Is making progress toward completing high school.
- 10 (c) Has not yet reached his or her nineteenth birthday.
- 11 Sec. 504. The department's ability to satisfy appropriation
- 12 deducts in part 1 for foster care private collections shall not be
- 13 limited to collections and accruals pertaining to services provided
- 14 only in the current fiscal year but shall include revenues collected
- 15 during the fiscal year in excess of the amount specified in part 1.
- 16 Sec. 508. (1) In addition to the amount appropriated in part 1
- 17 for children's trust fund grants, money granted or money received as
- 18 gifts or donations to the children's trust fund created by 1982
- 19 PA 249, MCL 21.171 to 21.172, is appropriated for expenditure in an
- 20 amount not to exceed \$800,000.00.
- 21 (2) The state child abuse and neglect prevention board may
- 22 initiate a joint project with another state agency to the extent that
- 23 the project supports the programmatic goals of both the state child
- 24 abuse and neglect prevention board and the state agency. The
- 25 department may invoice the state agency for shared costs of a joint
- 26 project in an amount authorized by the state agency, and the state
- 27 child abuse and neglect prevention board may receive and expend funds

- 1 for shared costs of a joint project in addition to those authorized by
- **2** part 1.
- 3 (3) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for children's trust
- 4 fund, the department may utilize interest and investment revenue from
- 5 the current fiscal year only for programs, administration, services,
- 6 or all sanctioned by the child abuse and neglect prevention board.
- 7 Sec. 509. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
- 8 department shall not expend funds to preserve or reunite a family,
- 9 unless there is a court order requiring the preservation or reuniting
- 10 of the family or the court denies the petition, if either of the
- 11 following would result:
- 12 (a) A child would be living in the same household with a parent or
- 13 other adult who has been convicted of criminal sexual conduct against
- 14 a child.
- 15 (b) A child would be living in the same household with a parent or
- 16 other adult against whom there is a substantiated charge of sexual
- 17 abuse against a child.
- 18 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), this section shall not
- 19 prohibit counseling or other services provided by the department, if
- 20 the service is not directed toward influencing the child to remain in
- 21 an abusive environment, justifying the actions of the abuser, or
- 22 reuniting the family.
- 23 Sec. 510. The department shall not be required to put up for
- 24 bids contracts with service providers if currently only 1 provider in
- 25 the service area exists.
- 26 Sec. 513. The department shall not expend funds appropriated in
- 27 part 1 to pay for the placement of a child in an out-of-state facility

- 1 unless all of the following conditions are met:
- 2 (a) There is no appropriate placement available in this state.
- 3 (b) The out-of-state facility meets all of the licensing standards
- 4 of this state for a comparable facility.
- 5 (c) The out-of-state facility meets all of the applicable
- 6 licensing standards of the state in which it is located.
- 7 (d) The department has done an on-site visit to the out-of-state
- 8 facility, reviewed the facility records, and reviewed licensing
- 9 records and reports on the facility and believes that the facility is
- 10 an appropriate placement for the child.
- 11 Sec. 514. The department shall make a comprehensive report
- 12 concerning children's protective services (CPS) to the legislature,
- 13 including the senate and house policy offices, by January 1, 2004,
- 14 that shall include all of the following:
- 15 (a) Statistical information including, at a minimum, all of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (i) The total number of reports of abuse or neglect investigated
- 18 under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638,
- 19 and the number of cases classified under category I or category II and
- 20 the number of cases classified under category III, category IV, or
- 21 category V.
- 22 (ii) Characteristics of perpetrators of abuse or neglect and the
- 23 child victims, such as age, relationship, socioeconomic status, race,
- 24 and ethnicity.
- 25 (iii) The mandatory reporter category in which the individual who
- 26 made the report fits, or other categorization if the individual is not
- 27 within a group required to report under the child protection law, 1975

- 1 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638.
- 2 (b) New policies related to children's protective services
- 3 including, but not limited to, major policy changes and court
- 4 decisions affecting the children's protective services system during
- 5 the immediately preceding 12-month period.
- 6 Sec. 515. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care
- 7 payments and related administrative costs, the department may incur
- 8 costs and make payments required to finish and close out the federally
- 9 approved title IV-E child welfare waiver managed care demonstration
- 10 project. The department shall report to the senate and house
- 11 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget
- 12 and the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices on the
- 13 outcome of the child welfare waiver managed care project. The report
- 14 is due on or before August 30, 2004.
- 15 Sec. 517. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family
- 16 preservation and prevention services, the department is authorized to
- 17 allocate funds to multipurpose collaborative bodies to address issues
- 18 raised in the Binsfeld children's commission report issued in July
- 19 1996. Priority for activities and services will be given to at-risk
- 20 children and families and cases classified by the department as
- 21 category III or category IV under sections 8 and 8d of the child
- 22 protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628 and 722.628d.
- 23 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family preservation
- 24 and prevention services, up to \$4,000,000.00 may be used to fund
- 25 community-based collaborative prevention services designed to do any
- 26 of the following:
- 27 (a) Foster positive parenting skills especially for parents of

- 1 children under 3 years of age.
- 2 (b) Improve parent/child interaction.
- 3 (c) Promote access to needed community services.
- 4 (d) Increase local capacity to serve families at risk.
- 5 (e) Improve school readiness.
- 6 (f) Support healthy family environments that discourage alcohol,
- 7 tobacco, and other drug use.
- 8 (3) The appropriation provided for in subsection (2) is to fund
- 9 secondary prevention programs as defined in the children's trust
- 10 fund's preapplication materials for fiscal year 2003-2004 direct
- 11 services grants.
- 12 (4) Projects funded through the appropriation provided for in
- 13 subsection (2) shall meet all of the following criteria:
- 14 (a) Be awarded through a joint request for proposal process
- 15 established by the department in conjunction with the children's trust
- 16 fund and the state human services directors.
- 17 (b) Be secondary prevention initiatives. Funds are not intended
- 18 to be expended in cases in which neglect or abuse has been
- 19 substantiated.
- 20 (c) Demonstrate that the planned services are part of a
- 21 community's integrated comprehensive family support strategy endorsed
- 22 by the local multipurpose collaborative body.
- 23 (d) Provide a 25% local match of which not more than 10% is
- 24 in-kind goods or services unless the maximum percentage is waived by
- 25 the state human services directors.
- 26 (5) As used in this section, "state human services directors"
- 27 means the director of the department of community health, the director

- 1 of the department of education, and the director of the family
- 2 independence agency.
- 3 Sec. 518. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for family
- 4 preservation and prevention services in the 2003-2004 fiscal year
- 5 reflect strong families/safe children allocations to local
- 6 multipurpose collaborative bodies that are no less than the
- 7 allocations in effect on September 30, 2003. The department shall
- 8 work with the multipurpose collaborative bodies to address high
- 9 out-of-home placement rates and through collaboration arrange a reward
- 10 plan, penalty plan, or both, to achieve less child out-of-home
- 11 placements, including placements for adjudicated youth in residential
- 12 treatment programs.
- 13 (2) In order to maintain this level of funding, the department may
- 14 use up to \$8,000,000.00 in TANF funds provided that the local
- 15 multipurpose collaborative bodies submit data to the department that
- 16 will enable the department to document potential federal claimable
- 17 expenditures.
- 18 (3) No later than March 1, 2004, each local multipurpose
- 19 collaborative body shall submit a report to the department that
- 20 includes the number of people receiving strong families/safe children
- 21 services, including services to adjudicated youth and their families,
- 22 the local goals for this program, and a measure of the effectiveness
- 23 in meeting these goals.
- 24 (4) The department shall provide during budget deliberation
- 25 hearings the compilation of reports from the multipurpose
- 26 collaborative bodies outlined in subsection (3).
- Sec. 523. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for youth in

- 1 transition, domestic violence prevention and treatment, and teenage
- 2 parent counseling, the department is authorized to make allocations of
- 3 TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary data to the
- 4 department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting
- 5 requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be
- 6 considered an ongoing commitment of funding.
- 7 (2) The agencies receiving teenage parent counseling TANF funds
- 8 shall report to the family independence agency on both of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (a) Whether program services have impacted the following issue
- 11 areas:
- 12 (i) The number of teen participants having fewer repeat
- 13 pregnancies.
- 14 (ii) The completion rate for high school diplomas or GEDs.
- 15 (iii) The teen participants' rate of self-sufficiency.
- 16 (b) How many teens participate in the programs and have access to
- 17 any or all of the following services:
- 18 (i) Adult supervised, supportive living arrangements.
- 19 (ii) Pregnancy prevention services or referrals.
- 20 (iii) Required completion of high school or receipt of GED,
- 21 including child care to assist young mothers to focus on achievement.
- 22 (iv) Support services, including, but not limited to, health care,
- 23 transportation, and counseling.
- 24 (v) Parenting and life-skills training.
- 25 (vi) Education, job training, and employment services.
- 26 (vii) Transition services in order to achieve self-sufficiency.
- 27 (viii) Instruction on self-protection.

- 1 (3) Agencies receiving teenage parent counseling funds shall
- 2 provide at least 10% in matching funds, through any combination of
- 3 local, state, or federal funds or in-kind or other donations.
- 4 Sec. 524. The department shall submit to the senate and house
- 5 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency, the
- 6 senate and house standing committees having jurisdiction over human
- 7 services matters, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the senate
- 8 and house policy offices an annual report, beginning April 2, 2004,
- 9 detailing the status of the prevention services program.
- 10 Sec. 531. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
- 11 department may make claims for and pay to local units of government a
- 12 portion of federal title IV-E revenues earned as a result of eligible
- 13 costs incurred by local units of government.
- 14 (2) The department shall make payments under subsection (1) only
- 15 to local units of government that have entered into formal agreements
- 16 with the department. The agreement must include all of the
- 17 following:
- 18 (a) Provide for the department to retain 50% of the federal
- 19 revenues earned.
- (b) Provide for agency review and approval of the local unit's
- 21 plan for allocating costs to title IV-E.
- 22 (c) Provide for the local unit of government to submit bills at
- 23 times, and in the format, specified by the department.
- (d) Specify that the local unit of government is responsible for
- 25 meeting all federal title IV-E regulation requirements, including
- 26 reporting requirements, with regard to the activities and costs being
- 27 billed to title IV-E.

- 1 (e) Provide for the local unit of government to pay the state for
- 2 the amount of any federal revenues paid to the local unit that may
- 3 subsequently be disallowed by the federal government.
- 4 (f) Be signed by the director of the department, the chief
- 5 executive officer of the local government agency providing the title
- 6 IV-E services, the chair of the county board of commissioners, and the
- 7 chief executive officer of the county.
- 8 Sec. 532. (1) The department, in collaboration with
- 9 representatives of private child and family agencies, shall review
- 10 policies, practices, and procedures involving the annual licensing
- 11 review and the annual contract compliance review conducted by the
- 12 department regarding child placing agencies and child caring
- 13 institutions. The review shall include efforts to identify
- 14 duplication of staff activities and information sought from child
- 15 placing agencies and child caring institutions in the annual review
- 16 process.
- 17 (2) The department shall develop a single audit, licensing, and
- 18 contract compliance review process, including potential for utilizing
- 19 deeming status for nationally accredited agencies. The department
- 20 shall report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on
- 21 the family independence agency budget, the house and senate fiscal
- 22 agencies and policy offices, and the state budget director on or
- 23 before April 1, 2004 on the implementation of the single audit,
- 24 licensing, and contract compliance review process.
- 25 Sec. 533. The family independence agency shall make payments to
- 26 private nonprofit child placing facilities for title IV-E out-of-home
- 27 care services within 30 days of receiving all necessary documentation

- 1 from those agencies. If payment is not received by a private
- 2 nonprofit child placing agency within 30 days, the department shall
- 3 make a penalty and interest payment to that agency.
- 4 Sec. 536. The family independence agency shall not implement a
- 5 geographically based assignment system for foster care unless
- 6 determined to be in the best interests of the foster children.
- 7 Sec. 537. (1) The department shall offer private nonprofit
- 8 licensed agencies the first opportunity to provide foster care
- 9 services for new foster children entering the system in a county when
- 10 the department's direct care caseload for foster care is greater than
- 11 20 cases per foster care worker. This section only applies if the
- 12 private nonprofit licensed agency has an available placement at the
- 13 time the child needs to be placed, has a child-to-caseworker ratio not
- 14 more than the department's child-to-caseworker ratio, and the
- 15 placement is not contrary to the best interests of the child or the
- 16 child's siblings.
- 17 (2) The department shall provide the senate and house
- 18 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency, the
- 19 senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices,
- 20 and the state budget director with a report on service cost
- 21 similarities and differences between public and private licensed
- 22 nonprofit agencies that includes all of the following:
- (a) Average caseload per foster care worker.
- (b) Average cost per case to the department and any other
- 25 governmental agency.
- 26 (c) Range of services provided to foster care youth.
- 27 (d) A measurement of program outcomes.

- 1 (3) The department shall contract with a third party to compile
- 2 and analyze the information required under subsection (2). The
- 3 department shall not enter into a contract with a third party until 30
- 4 days after providing the chairs of the house and senate appropriations
- 5 subcommittees on the family independence agency budget and the house
- 6 and senate fiscal agencies notification of the proposed third party
- 7 contractor and a description of the methods to be used by the third
- 8 party contractor to conduct the analysis. The department shall
- 9 distribute, in a quarterly report, the findings of the analysis to the
- 10 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the family
- 11 independence agency, the senate and house standing committees on
- 12 families and human services matters, the senate and house fiscal
- 13 agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the chief justice
- 14 of the Michigan supreme court.
- 15 Sec. 539. The department shall work in collaboration with
- 16 representatives from private nonprofit child placing agencies to
- 17 ensure appropriate placement for children who have been adjudicated
- 18 abused, neglected, or delinquent and for whom residential treatment is
- 19 required. The department and the representatives from the private
- 20 nonprofit child placing agencies shall focus on statewide placement
- 21 criteria to address the best interest of the child in need of
- 22 services.
- 23 Sec. 540. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
- 24 department may pay to units of local government a portion of federal
- 25 TANF revenues earned as a result of claims made for TANF eligible
- 26 in-home care programs operated and funded through the child care
- 27 fund. The programs shall include various services to children and

- 1 families that reduce the need for children's out-of-home placements
- 2 and achieve the goal of promoting child well-being, marriage, and
- 3 family reunification, formation, and maintenance.
- 4 (2) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the department may
- 5 reimburse units of local government for 75% of the cost of in-home
- 6 care programs that achieve outcomes and other criteria established by
- 7 the department, up to the amount appropriated in part 1 for enhanced
- 8 child care fund reimbursement for community programs. No county shall
- 9 receive more than 40% of the total amount appropriated in part 1 for
- 10 enhanced child care fund reimbursement for community programs. If
- 11 expenditures under this subsection are expected to exceed the amount
- 12 appropriated in part 1 for enhanced child care fund reimbursement for
- 13 community programs, reimbursement shall be prorated as necessary to
- 14 not exceed the appropriation, but a prorated reimbursement shall not
- 15 be less than 50% of the cost of the in-home care programs.
- 16 (3) To qualify for the 75% reimbursement, the units of local
- 17 government shall submit a separate application using forms and in
- 18 compliance with policies established by the department and shall enter
- 19 into a memorandum of understanding with the department. Continuation
- 20 of the enhanced reimbursement shall be based on the achievement of
- 21 outcomes. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be
- 22 considered an ongoing commitment of funding.
- Sec. 541. In order to be reimbursed for child care fund
- 24 expenditures, counties are required to submit department-developed
- 25 reports to enable the department to document potential federally
- 26 claimable expenditures. This requirement is in accordance with the
- 27 reporting requirements specified in section 117a(7) of the social

- 1 welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.117a.
- 2 Sec. 542. As a condition of receiving funds appropriated in part
- 3 1 for the child care fund, by February 15, 2004, counties shall have
- 4 an approved service spending plan for the fiscal year ending September
- 5 30, 2004. Counties must submit the service spending plan to the
- 6 department by December 15, 2003 for approval.
- 7 Sec. 543. The department shall develop a comprehensive plan to
- 8 provide education and training to reduce the incidences of criminal
- 9 sexual conduct involving underage youth. The plan shall be designed
- 10 to reach state and local law enforcement officials, schools and
- 11 education agencies, health care, counseling, and pregnancy prevention
- 12 services, and any other agency the department considers relevant. The
- 13 department shall issue a report to the house and senate appropriations
- 14 subcommittees on the family independence agency budget, the house and
- 15 senate fiscal agencies and policy offices, and the state budget
- 16 director that shall contain at least all of the following:
- 17 (a) The names of the task force members or committee members, and
- 18 their representative organizations, who helped develop the plan.
- 19 (b) The recommendations the department is making to each of the
- 20 following:
- 21 (i) State and local law enforcement agencies.
- 22 (ii) Schools and education agencies.
- 23 (iii) Health care professionals.
- 24 (iv) Counseling agencies.
- (v) Pregnancy prevention programs.
- 26 (c) The annual goals for reporting and reducing incidences of
- 27 criminal sexual conduct involving underage youth.

- 1 (d) A summary of past plans and their outcomes submitted in
- 2 compliance with federal guidelines.
- 3 Sec. 544. The department shall consider approval of pilot
- 4 projects with applications pending for accelerated residential
- 5 treatment.
- 6 Sec. 545. The department shall eliminate the current
- 7 administrative freeze on approval of new specialized foster care
- 8 programs.
- **9** Sec. 546. (1) The \$8,000,000.00 reduction included in part 1 for
- 10 family preservation and prevention services shall eliminate funds for
- 11 the family group decision-making and family reunification programs.
- 12 (2) With the exception of the programs referred to in subsection
- 13 (1), each of the programs that receive funding from the appropriations
- 14 in part 1 for family preservation and prevention services shall
- 15 receive not less than the amount of funding received in fiscal year
- **16** 2002-2003.

17 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

- 18 Sec. 601. (1) The department may terminate a vendor payment for
- 19 shelter upon written notice from the appropriate local unit of
- 20 government that a recipient's rental unit is not in compliance with
- 21 applicable local housing codes or when the landlord is delinquent on
- 22 property tax payments. A landlord shall be considered to be in
- 23 compliance with local housing codes when the department receives from
- 24 the landlord a signed statement stating that the rental unit is in
- 25 compliance with local housing codes and that statement is not
- 26 contradicted by the recipient and the local housing authority. The

- 1 department shall terminate vendor payments if a taxing authority
- 2 notifies the department that taxes are delinquent.
- 3 (2) Whenever a client agrees to the release of his or her name and
- 4 address to the local housing authority, the department shall request
- 5 from the local housing authority information regarding whether the
- 6 housing unit for which vendoring has been requested meets applicable
- 7 local housing codes. Vendoring shall be terminated for those units
- 8 that the local authority indicates in writing do not meet local
- 9 housing codes until such time as the local authority indicates in
- 10 writing that local housing codes have been met.
- 11 (3) In order to participate in the rent vendoring programs of the
- 12 department, a landlord shall cooperate in weatherization and
- 13 conservation efforts directed by the department or by an energy
- 14 provider participating in an agreement with the department when the
- 15 landlord's property has been identified as needing services.
- 16 Sec. 603. (1) The department, as it determines is appropriate,
- 17 shall enter into agreements with energy providers by which cash
- 18 assistance recipients and the energy providers agree to permit the
- 19 department to make direct payments to the energy providers on behalf
- 20 of the recipient. The payments may include heat and electric payment
- 21 requirements from recipient grants and amounts in excess of the
- 22 payment requirements.
- 23 (2) The department shall establish caps for natural gas, wood,
- 24 electric heat service, deliverable fuel heat services, and for
- 25 electric service based on available federal funds.
- 26 (3) The department shall negotiate with positive billing utility
- 27 companies to develop extended payment plans. Such plans shall allow

- 1 clients who terminate from positive billing due to increased income to
- **2** make monthly payments in order to gradually liquidate utility
- 3 arrears.
- 4 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the department review
- 5 and adjust the standard utility allowance for the state food
- 6 assistance program to ensure that it reflects current energy costs in
- 7 the state.
- 8 Sec. 604. (1) The department shall operate a state disability
- 9 assistance program. Except as provided in subsection (3), persons
- 10 eligible for this program shall include needy citizens of the United
- 11 States or aliens exempted from the supplemental security income
- 12 citizenship requirement who are at least 18 years of age or
- 13 emancipated minors meeting 1 or more of the following requirements:
- 14 (a) A recipient of supplemental security income, social security,
- 15 or medical assistance due to disability or 65 years of age or older.
- 16 (b) A person with a physical or mental impairment which meets
- 17 federal supplemental security income disability standards, except that
- 18 the minimum duration of the disability shall be 90 days. Substance
- 19 abuse alone is not defined as a basis for eligibility.
- 20 (c) A resident of an adult foster care facility, a home for the
- 21 aged, a county infirmary, or a substance abuse treatment center.
- 22 (d) A person receiving 30-day postresidential substance abuse
- 23 treatment.
- 24 (e) A person diagnosed as having acquired immunodeficiency
- 25 syndrome.
- 26 (f) A person receiving special education services through the
- 27 local intermediate school district.

- 1 (g) A caretaker of a disabled person as defined in subdivision
- 2 (a), (b), (e), or (f) above.
- 3 (2) Applicants for and recipients of the state disability
- 4 assistance program shall be considered needy if they:
- 5 (a) Meet the same asset test as is applied to applicants for the
- 6 family independence program.
- 7 (b) Have a monthly budgetable income that is less than the payment
- 8 standards.
- 9 (3) Except for a person described in subsection (1)(c) or (d), a
- 10 person is not disabled for purposes of this section if his or her drug
- 11 addiction or alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the
- 12 determination of disability. "Material to the determination of
- 13 disability" means that, if the person stopped using drugs or alcohol,
- 14 his or her remaining physical or mental limitations would not be
- 15 disabling. If his or her remaining physical or mental limitations
- 16 would be disabling, then the drug addiction or alcoholism is not
- 17 material to the determination of disability and the person may receive
- 18 state disability assistance. Such a person must actively participate
- 19 in a substance abuse treatment program, and the assistance must be
- 20 paid to a third party or through vendor payments. For purposes of
- 21 this section, substance abuse treatment includes receipt of inpatient
- 22 or outpatient services or participation in alcoholics anonymous or a
- 23 similar program.
- 24 (4) A refugee or asylee who loses his or her eligibility for the
- 25 federal supplemental security income program by virtue of exceeding
- 26 the maximum time limit for eligibility as delineated in section 402 of
- 27 title IV of the personal responsibility and work opportunity

- 1 reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 U.S.C. 1612, and who
- 2 otherwise meets the eligibility criteria under this section shall be
- 3 eligible to receive benefits under the state disability assistance
- 4 program.
- 5 Sec. 605. The level of reimbursement provided to state
- 6 disability assistance recipients in licensed adult foster care
- 7 facilities shall be the same as the prevailing supplemental security
- 8 income rate under the personal care category.
- 9 Sec. 606. County family independence agencies shall require each
- 10 recipient of state disability assistance who has applied with the
- 11 social security administration for supplemental security income to
- 12 sign a contract to repay any assistance rendered through the state
- 13 disability assistance program upon receipt of retroactive supplemental
- 14 security income benefits.
- 15 Sec. 607. The department's ability to satisfy appropriation
- 16 deductions in part 1 for state disability assistance/supplemental
- 17 security income recoveries and public assistance recoupment revenues
- 18 shall not be limited to recoveries and accruals pertaining to state
- 19 disability assistance, or family independence assistance grant
- 20 payments provided only in the current fiscal year, but shall include
- 21 all related net recoveries received during the current fiscal year.
- 22 Sec. 608. Adult foster care facilities providing domiciliary
- 23 care or personal care to residents receiving supplemental security
- 24 income or homes for the aged serving residents receiving supplemental
- 25 security income shall not require those residents to reimburse the
- 26 home or facility for care at rates in excess of those legislatively
- 27 authorized. To the extent permitted by federal law, adult foster care

- 1 facilities and homes for the aged serving residents receiving
- 2 supplemental security income shall not be prohibited from accepting
- 3 third-party payments in addition to supplemental security income
- 4 provided that the payments are not for food, clothing, shelter, or
- 5 result in a reduction in the recipient's supplemental security income
- 6 payment.
- 7 Sec. 609. The state supplementation level under the supplemental
- 8 security income program for the personal care/adult foster care and
- 9 home for the aged categories shall not be reduced during the fiscal
- 10 year beginning October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2004.
- 11 Sec. 610. In developing good cause criteria for the state
- 12 emergency relief program, the department shall grant exemptions if the
- 13 emergency resulted from unexpected expenses related to maintaining or
- 14 securing employment.
- 15 Sec. 611. (1) The department shall not require providers of
- 16 burial services to accept state payment for indigent burials as
- 17 payments in full. Each provider shall be permitted to collect
- 18 additional payment from relatives or other persons on behalf of the
- 19 deceased. The total in additional payments shall not exceed
- 20 \$2,700.00.
- 21 (2) Any additional payment collected pursuant to subsection (1)
- 22 shall not increase the maximum charge limit for state payment as
- 23 established by law.
- 24 Sec. 612. For purposes of determining housing affordability
- 25 eligibility for state emergency relief, a group is considered to have
- 26 sufficient income to meet ongoing housing expenses if their total
- 27 housing obligation does not exceed 75% of their total net income.

- 1 Sec. 613. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for state
- 2 emergency relief, the maximum allowable charge limit for indigent
- 3 burials shall be \$947.00. The funds shall be distributed as follows:
- 4 \$603.00 for funeral directors; \$200.00 for cemeteries or crematoriums;
- 5 and \$144.00 for the provider of the vault.
- **6** (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the department
- 7 encourage cremation as an alternative to burial. The department shall
- 8 provide a report annually, no later than 90 days after the fiscal year
- 9 end, to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees for the
- 10 family independence agency budget, the house and senate fiscal
- 11 agencies and policy offices, and the state budget director that
- 12 includes all of the following information:
- 13 (a) The total number of indigent burials, classified as either
- 14 cremations or cemetery burials.
- (b) The total amount spent per case for cremations.
- (c) The total amount spent per case for cemetery burials.
- 17 (3) The department shall report on an annual basis on the
- 18 information received from participating providers under subsection
- 19 (2). The department shall submit the report to the state budget
- 20 director, the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations
- 21 committees, the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations
- 22 subcommittees on the family independence agency, the senate and house
- 23 fiscal agencies, and the senate and house policy offices.
- 24 Sec. 614. The funds available in part 1 for burial services
- 25 shall be available if the deceased was an eligible recipient and an
- 26 application for emergency relief funds was made within 10 days of the
- 27 burial or cremation of the deceased person. Each provider of burial

- 1 services shall be paid directly by the department.
- 2 Sec. 615. Except as required by federal law or regulations,
- 3 funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used to provide public
- 4 assistance to a person who is an illegal alien. This section shall
- 5 not prohibit the department from entering into contracts with food
- 6 banks or emergency shelter providers who may, as a normal part of
- 7 doing business, provide food or emergency shelter to individuals.
- 8 Sec. 616. (1) The appropriation in part 1 for the weatherization
- 9 program shall be expended in such a manner that at least 25% of the
- 10 households weatherized under the program shall be households of
- 11 families receiving 1 or more of the following:
- 12 (a) Family independence assistance.
- (b) State disability assistance.
- 14 (c) Food assistance.
- 15 (d) Supplemental security income.
- 16 (2) Any unencumbered balances of the weatherization program shall
- 17 not lapse and may be carried forward to fiscal year 2005.
- 18 Sec. 617. In operating the family independence program with
- 19 funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall not approve as a
- 20 minor parent's adult supervised household a living arrangement in
- 21 which the minor parent lives with his or her partner as the
- 22 supervising adult.
- 23 Sec. 618. The department may only reduce, terminate, or suspend
- 24 assistance provided under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280,
- 25 MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, without prior notice in 1 or more of the
- 26 following situations:
- 27 (a) The only eligible recipient has died.

- 1 (b) A recipient member of a program group or family independence
- 2 assistance group has died.
- 3 (c) A recipient child is removed from his or her family home by
- 4 court action.
- 5 (d) A recipient requests in writing that his or her assistance be
- 6 reduced, terminated, or suspended.
- 7 (e) A recipient has been approved to receive assistance in another
- 8 state.
- 9 (f) A change in either state or federal law that requires
- 10 automatic grant adjustments for classes of recipients.
- 11 Sec. 619. The department shall exempt from the denial of
- 12 title IV-A assistance and food assistance benefits, contained in
- 13 section 115 of title I of the personal responsibility and work
- 14 opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 21
- 15 U.S.C. 862a, any individual who has been convicted of a felony that
- 16 included the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled
- 17 substance, after August 22, 1996, provided that the individual is not
- 18 in violation of his or her probation or parole requirements. Benefits
- 19 shall be provided to such individuals as follows:
- (a) A third-party payee or vendor shall be required for any cash
- 21 benefits provided.
- 22 (b) An authorized representative shall be required for food
- 23 assistance receipt.
- 24 Sec. 621. Funds appropriated in part 1 may be used to support
- 25 multicultural assimilation and support services. The department shall
- 26 distribute all of the funds described in this section based on
- 27 assessed community needs.

- 1 Sec. 627. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care
- 2 services, the department shall contract to administer an amount not to
- 3 exceed \$1,350,000.00 for the "enhance quality improvement program"
- 4 (EQUIP) grants. A priority for the expenditure of EQUIP funds shall
- 5 be given to providers to expand access to child care, specifically
- 6 24-hour care and weekend care. A child care program shall not be
- 7 eligible for an EQUIP grant unless 25% or more of its clients receive
- 8 day care payments from the department.
- 9 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care services,
- 10 the department shall establish an additional fund of at least
- 11 \$350,000.00 for a grant pool for an "enhance quality improvement
- 12 program" (EQUIP) specifically to establish new family and group home
- 13 day care providers.
- 14 Sec. 631. The department shall maintain policies and procedures
- 15 to achieve all of the following:
- 16 (a) The identification of individuals on entry into the system who
- 17 have a history of domestic violence, while maintaining the
- 18 confidentiality of that information.
- 19 (b) Referral of persons so identified to counseling and supportive
- 20 services.
- 21 (c) In accordance with a determination of good cause, the waiving
- 22 of certain requirements of family independence programs where
- 23 compliance with those requirements would make it more difficult for
- 24 the individual to escape domestic violence or would unfairly penalize
- 25 individuals who have been victims of domestic violence or who are at
- 26 risk of further domestic violence.
- 27 Sec. 632. The department shall calculate the food assistance

- 1 allotment for applicants who are United States citizens and who live
- 2 in a household with legal immigrants in a manner that maximizes the
- 3 food assistance available to these United States citizens under
- 4 federal law.
- 5 Sec. 635. Within 6 business days of receiving all information
- 6 necessary to process an application for payments for child day care,
- 7 the family independence agency shall determine whether the child day
- 8 care provider to whom the payments, if approved, would be made, is
- 9 listed on the child abuse and neglect central registry. If the
- 10 provider is listed on the central registry, the family independence
- 11 agency shall immediately send written notice denying the applicant's
- 12 request for child day care payments.
- 13 Sec. 640. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care
- 14 services, the family independence agency shall expend up to
- 15 \$8,000,000.00 to provide infant and toddler incentive payments to
- 16 child day care providers serving children from 0 to 2-1/2 years of age
- 17 who meet licensing or training requirements.
- 18 (2) The use of the funds under this section should not be
- 19 considered an ongoing commitment of funding.
- 20 Sec. 643. As a condition of receipt of federal TANF funds,
- 21 homeless shelters shall collaborate with the family independence
- 22 agency to obtain necessary TANF eligibility information on families as
- 23 soon as possible after admitting a family to the homeless shelter.
- 24 From the funds appropriated in part 1 for homeless shelters within
- 25 state emergency relief, the department is authorized to make
- 26 allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary
- 27 data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility

- 1 reporting requirements. Homeless shelters that do not report
- 2 necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF
- 3 eligibility reporting requirements will not receive reimbursements
- 4 which exceed the per diem amount they received in fiscal year 2000.
- 5 The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an
- 6 ongoing commitment of funding.
- 7 Sec. 645. An individual or family is considered homeless, for
- 8 purposes of eligibility for state emergency relief, if living
- 9 temporarily with others in order to escape domestic violence. For
- 10 purposes of this section, domestic violence is defined and verified in
- 11 the same manner as in the family independence agency's policies on
- 12 good cause for not cooperating with child support and paternity
- 13 requirements.
- 14 Sec. 648. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for public
- 15 assistance, the department shall make assistance payments to
- 16 recipients beyond the 5-year limit set by the personal responsibility
- 17 and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193,
- 18 110 Stat. 2105, providing the recipient is complying with asset,
- 19 income, and participation standards set as a condition of eligibility
- 20 to receive assistance and clearly demonstrates that he or she is
- 21 making progress in becoming self-sufficient.
- 22 Sec. 653. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for food
- 23 assistance, an individual who is the victim of domestic violence and
- 24 does not qualify for any other exemption may be exempt from the
- 25 3-month in 36-month limit on receiving food assistance under section
- **26** 6(o)(6) of the food stamp act of 1977, Public Law 88-525, 7
- 27 U.S.C. 2015. This exemption can be extended an additional 3 months

- 1 upon demonstration of continuing need.
- 2 Sec. 657. (1) The department shall continue to offer quality
- 3 before- or after-school programs that provide youth with a safe,
- 4 engaging environment to motivate and inspire learning outside the
- 5 traditional classroom setting. Before-school programs are limited to
- 6 elementary school-aged children. Effective before- or after-school
- 7 programs combine academic, enrichment, and recreation activities to
- 8 guide learning and inspire children and youth in various activities.
- 9 The before- or after-school programs can meet the needs of the
- 10 communities served by the programs.
- 11 (2) The department shall work in collaboration with independent
- 12 contractors to put into practice a pilot program establishing quality
- 13 before- or after-school programs for children in kindergarten to ninth
- 14 grades. In order for an independent contractor to receive TANF funds,
- 15 a child served must be a member of a family with an income that does
- 16 not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines published by the
- 17 United States department of health and human services.
- 18 (3) The department shall allocate through grants or contracts up
- 19 to \$8,550,000.00 in TANF funds for pilot programs. A county shall
- 20 receive no more than 20% of the funds appropriated in part 1 for this
- 21 program. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for before- or
- 22 after-school pilot programs within day care services, the department
- 23 is authorized to make allocations of funds only to the agencies that
- 24 report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting
- 25 TANF and maintenance of effort eligibility reporting requirements.
- 26 The use of funds under this section should not be considered an
- 27 ongoing commitment of funding.

- 1 (4) The before- or after-school pilot programs shall include, at a
- 2 minimum, at least 3 of the following topics:
- 3 (a) Abstinence-based pregnancy prevention.
- 4 (b) Chemical abuse and dependency including nonmedical services.
- 5 (c) Gang violence prevention.
- 6 (d) Academic assistance, including assistance with reading and
- 7 writing.
- 8 (e) Preparation toward future self-sufficiency.
- 9 (f) Leadership development.
- 10 (g) Case management or mentoring.
- 11 (h) Parental involvement.
- 12 (i) Anger management.
- 13 (5) The department may enter into grants or contracts with
- 14 independent contractors including, but not limited to, faith-based
- 15 organizations, boys or girls clubs, schools, or nonprofit
- 16 organizations. The department shall grant priority in funding
- 17 independent contractors who secure at least 10% in matching funds.
- 18 The matching funds may either be fulfilled through local, state, or
- 19 federal funds, and/or through in-kind or other donations. Ar
- 20 independent contractor who cannot fulfill the match described in this
- 21 subsection shall not be excluded from applying for a before- or
- 22 after-school program contract.
- 23 (6) A referral to a pilot program may be made by, but is not
- 24 limited to, any of the following: a teacher, counselor, parent,
- 25 police officer, judge, or social worker.
- 26 (7) By August 30, 2004, the department before- or after-school
- 27 pilot program expenditures shall be audited and the department shall

- 1 work in collaboration with independent contractors to provide a report
- 2 on the before- or after-school pilot program to the senate and house
- 3 standing committees dealing with human services, the senate and house
- 4 appropriations subcommittees for the family independence agency
- 5 budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the senate and house
- 6 policy offices. The report shall include the number of participants
- 7 and the average cost per participant, as well as changes noted in
- 8 program participants in any of the following categories:
- 9 (a) Juvenile crime.
- 10 (b) Aggressive behavior.
- 11 (c) Academic achievement.
- 12 (d) Development of new skills and interests.
- (e) School attendance and dropout rates.
- 14 (f) Behavioral changes in school.
- 15 Sec. 660. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for food bank
- 16 council activities within state emergency relief, the department is
- 17 authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that
- 18 report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting
- 19 TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The agencies that do not
- 20 report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting
- 21 TANF eligibility reporting requirements will not receive allocations
- 22 in excess of those received in fiscal year 2000. The use of TANF
- 23 funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing
- 24 commitment of funding.
- 25 Sec. 665. The department shall continue to partner with the
- 26 department of transportation to use TANF and other sources of
- 27 available funding to support public transportation needs of

- 1 TANF-eligible individuals.
- 2 Sec. 666. The department shall develop and implement a plan, in
- 3 conjunction with the Michigan State University extension service, to
- 4 increase the participation of eligible family independence program
- 5 recipients in the federal earned income tax credit. The department
- 6 shall report the details of the plan to the senate and house
- 7 appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget,
- 8 the senate and house standing committees on human services, the senate
- 9 and house fiscal agencies and policy offices, and the state budget
- 10 director no later than December 31, 2003.
- 11 Sec. 667. The department may expend funds necessary to perform
- 12 child day care provider background checks from fees collected.
- Sec. 668. (1) In coordination with the Michigan alliance of boys
- 14 and girls clubs, the department may expend up to \$250,000.00 in TANF
- 15 funds to make allocations for a statewide collaborative project to
- 16 develop a community-based program available to children ages 6 to 15.
- 17 (2) The department shall make allocations of TANF funds under this
- 18 section only to agencies that report necessary data to the department
- 19 for the purpose of meeting the TANF eligibility reporting
- 20 requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be
- 21 considered an ongoing commitment.
- 22 (3) The department shall grant priority in funding to programs
- 23 that provide at least 10% in matching funds. The matching funds
- 24 requirement shall be fulfilled through any combination of local,
- 25 state, or federal funds or in-kind or other donations. A program that
- 26 cannot meet the matching requirement shall not be excluded from
- 27 applying for a contract.

- 1 Sec. 669. (1) The department may distribute cash and food
- 2 assistance to recipients electronically by using debit cards.
- 3 (2) The department shall allocate up to \$5,560,100.00 for the
- 4 annual school clothing allowance. The allowance shall be granted to
- 5 all eligible children 4 to 18 years of age. At least 2 weeks prior to
- 6 the clothing allowance transfer, the department shall notify
- 7 assistance recipients eligible for the allowance of actual and
- 8 potential participating retail establishments that offer discounts
- 9 under the clothing allowance program. It is the intent of the
- 10 legislature that the department expand outreach to retailers
- 11 encouraging them to offer discounts.
- 12 Sec. 670. It is the intent of the legislature that the funds
- 13 appropriated in part 1 for kinship care in the fiscal year ending
- 14 September 30, 2004 reflect the legislature's commitment to reduce the
- 15 benefit discrepancy between kinship care and a similar family size
- 16 within the family independence agency program (FIP). The legislature
- 17 recognizes the commitment of relatives to provide family continuity,
- 18 nurturance, and care for this special population of children who can
- 19 no longer remain in their parents' care due to abuse, neglect, or
- 20 other social problems.
- 21 Sec. 671. The department shall work with private nonprofit
- 22 service providers to implement a benefit bank Internet-based
- 23 information system providing centralized benefit eligibility
- 24 information and electronic application forms and application
- 25 submission. This system shall be used by volunteer counselors to
- 26 assist users in obtaining all available public assistance.
- 27 Sec. 672. By February 1, 2004, the department shall report to

- 1 the house and senate appropriations subcommittees for the family
- 2 independence agency budget, the house and senate standing committees
- 3 on human services, the house and senate fiscal agencies and policy
- 4 offices, and the state budget director on the department's food
- 5 assistance outreach efforts.
- 6 Sec. 673. The department shall send notification to a client
- 7 participating in the state child day care program and his or her child
- 8 day care provider if the client's eligibility is reduced or
- 9 eliminated.

10 JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

- 11 Sec. 702. Expansion of facilities funded under part 1 for
- 12 juvenile justice services shall not be authorized by the joint capital
- 13 outlay subcommittee of the appropriations committees until the
- 14 department has held a public hearing in the community where the
- 15 facility proposed to be expanded is located.
- 16 Sec. 703. A juvenile adjudicated and placed in a state-operated
- 17 maximum security program funded under part 1 for juvenile justice
- 18 services shall not be allowed to leave the property of the maximum
- 19 security facility at which the program is located except when required
- 20 to leave the property for medical treatment, court appearances, or
- 21 other good cause approved by the facility director. For purposes of
- 22 this section, "juvenile" means that term as defined in section 115n of
- 23 the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.115n.
- 24 Sec. 704. New facilities funded under part 1 for juvenile
- 25 justice services shall not be located within 1,500 feet of property in
- 26 use for a K-12 educational program.
- Sec. 705. (1) The department shall report on the W. J. Maxey

- 1 facility to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the
- 2 family independence agency budget, house and senate standing
- 3 committees on human services matters, house and senate fiscal agencies
- 4 and policy offices, and state budget director as part of its annual
- 5 budget presentation. The report shall include the following:
- 6 (a) Population reintegration goals for juvenile justice wards
- 7 including, but not limited to, the categorization of positive outcomes
- 8 and recidivism by age and incarceration type.
- 9 (b) Facility media policy to ensure reinforcement and consistency
- 10 with treatment plans and desired ward outcomes.
- 11 (c) Staff and resident safety.
- (d) Outcome based service and treatment program plan for wards who
- 13 are sex offenders or substance abusers.
- 14 (e) Facility procedure following traumatic campus occurrences such
- 15 as, but not limited to, violent and sexual assaults.
- 16 (f) Quality control process for resident service and release
- 17 plans.
- 18 (g) Findings of all federal investigations of the facility.
- 19 (2) The department shall ensure that all juveniles coming into
- 20 care receive an assessment that includes a review of dysfunctional
- 21 behavior in adolescents. In addition, the department shall ensure
- 22 that all treatment addresses:
- 23 (a) Dysfunctional family practices, such as substance abuse and
- 24 domestic violence.
- 25 (b) Sexual harassment and gender bias.
- 26 (c) Cultural and ethnic sensitivity.
- 27 (3) The department shall make a comparative analysis of public

- 1 training schools and private facilities and report the analysis to the
- 2 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the family
- 3 independence agency during the budget deliberations and distribute the
- 4 findings to the senate and house standing committees on human services
- 5 matters, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house
- 6 policy offices, the state budget director, and the chief justice of
- 7 the Michigan supreme court. The report shall include all of the
- 8 following categories:
- 9 (a) Number of youths served by the facility.
- 10 (b) Number and type of security levels in the facility.
- 11 (c) Number of youths who earned a GED while at the facility.
- (d) Recidivism rate for youths served by the facility.
- (e) Breaches of security at the facility.
- 14 (f) Unique characteristics of the facility's program.
- 15 (g) Academic levels for youths served by the facility at intake
- 16 and on discharge.
- 17 (h) Standardized psychological assessment scores for youths served
- 18 by the facility at intake and on discharge.
- 19 (i) Program achievement outcomes.
- Sec. 706. Counties shall be subject to 50% charge back for the
- 21 use of alternative regional detention services, if those detention
- 22 services do not fall under the basic provision of section 117e of the
- 23 social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.117e, or if a county operates
- 24 those detention services programs primarily with professional rather
- 25 than volunteer staff.
- 26 Sec. 708. It is the intent of the legislature that the
- 27 department work with the department of education and all other state

- 1 and local agencies necessary to ensure funding through the state
- 2 school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, to
- 3 educate pupils assigned by a court or the family independence agency
- 4 to reside in a state-operated juvenile detention or treatment
- 5 facility. Daily per diem rates for state-operated juvenile detention
- 6 and treatment facilities shall reflect savings due to the use of
- 7 school aid funds for education services.
- 8 Sec. 713. (1) The department shall work cooperatively with
- 9 judiciary and with the departments of community health and career
- 10 development to coordinate and improve the delivery of mental health
- 11 and substance abuse treatment and education and training services to
- 12 individuals leaving the juvenile justice system, especially those
- 13 aging out of the system identified as continuing to pose a serious
- 14 risk to themselves or others.
- 15 (2) As required by section 18 of chapter XIIA of the probate code
- 16 of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.18, juveniles committed to an
- 17 institution operated by the department shall receive medical, dental,
- 18 surgical, or other health care as necessary. The Medicaid
- 19 reimbursable rate scale shall be used as the standard for allowable
- 20 charges for services rendered. The family independence agency shall
- 21 reimburse providers for the actual charges less than or equal to the
- 22 Medicaid reimbursable rate scale for each service provided.
- 23 Sec. 714. (1) The family independence agency shall provide
- 24 technical assistance for counties to develop information networks
- 25 including, but not limited to, serious habitual offenders
- 26 comprehensive action program (SHOCAP), juvenile justice on-line
- 27 technology (JJOLT), and juvenile violent reporting system (JVRS).

- 1 (2) The department shall assist counties in identifying funding
- 2 sources for the networks, including, but not limited to, the child
- 3 care fund and the juvenile accountability incentive block grant.
- 4 (3) The local units of government shall report to the department
- 5 on expenditures of their juvenile justice information networks in
- 6 concert with their requests for reimbursement from the child care
- 7 fund.
- **8** (4) The department shall provide during budget deliberation
- 9 hearings the compilation of reports from the local units of
- 10 government.
- 11 Sec. 715. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that the
- 12 primary function of the juvenile justice system shall be to promote
- 13 the protection of individuals and communities through the reduction of
- 14 juvenile crime.
- 15 (2) Based on the recommendations of the 2001 joint house and
- 16 senate task force on juvenile justice, the department shall present
- 17 the early intervention initiatives demonstrating the principles at the
- 18 annual balanced and restorative justice conference in May 2003. The
- 19 early intervention shall include, but not be limited to, the
- 20 following:
- 21 (a) Mentoring programs that focus on improving communication and
- 22 collaboration, encourage quality mentoring programs, recruitment of
- 23 mentors, and increasing public awareness of and participation in
- 24 programs for at-risk youth.
- 25 (b) Discussion of programs relating to juvenile information
- 26 networks as an Internet-based communication tool that assists with
- 27 case management of juvenile offenders in the area.

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- 1 (c) Discussion of the possibility of implementing a program
- 2 modeled after the "Wisconsin citizenship initiative" to collaborate
- 3 with the before- or after-school programs offered under the authority
- 4 of this act.
- 5 (d) Exploration of the option of a summit conducted via the
- 6 Internet to discuss measures relating to the prevention and
- 7 intervention of at-risk youth.
- 8 (e) Discussion of California's "8% early intervention" program
- 9 that focuses on aggressive early intervention and treatment of young,
- 10 high at-risk juvenile offenders and their families.
- 11 (f) Multisystem therapy.
- 12 (g) Youth service projects.
- (h) Community services projects.
- 14 (i) A report on the initiatives discussed at the balanced and
- 15 restorative justice conference described in this section will be given
- 16 to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the family
- 17 independence agency budget, the senate and house standing committees
- 18 dealing with human services, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and
- 19 the policy offices no later than October 30, 2003.
- 20 Sec. 716. The department shall work with the department of
- 21 management and budget to obtain an appraisal of the excess property
- 22 located at the W. J. Maxey facility and pursue the sale of this
- 23 property.
- 24 [Sec. 717. It is the intent of the legislature that the department
- 25 shall convene a meeting of the department of corrections, judges,
- 26 prosecutors, counties and appropriate private agencies, to recommend the
- 27 criteria for placement of youth offenders.]

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4 LOCAL OFFICE SERVICES

- 5 Sec. 750. The department shall maintain out-stationed
- 6 eligibility specialists in community-based organizations and hospitals
- 7 in the same locations and at staffing levels no less than in fiscal
- **8** year 2002-2003.

9 DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

- 10 Sec. 801. The family independence agency disability
- 11 determination services in agreement with the department of management
- 12 and budget office of retirement systems will develop the medical
- 13 information and determine eligibility of medical disability retirement
- 14 for state employees, state police, judges, and school teachers.

15 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

- 16 Sec. 901. (1) From the federal money received for child support
- 17 incentive payments, up to \$15,397,400.00 shall be retained by the
- 18 state and expended for legal support contracts and child support
- 19 program expenses.
- 20 (2) In addition to the amount retained in subsection (1),
- 21 additional incentives may be retained and used by the state for
- 22 special, enhanced, or centralized initiatives or services that are
- 23 reasonably calculated by the department, in consultation with the
- 24 state court administrative office and the state budget office, to
- 25 result in an equivalent or greater increase in child support

- 1 collections or child support incentive payments received from the
- 2 federal government. If payment from the federal government for
- 3 collection performance incentives exceeds the amount received by the
- 4 state for the fiscal year 2000, the total amount paid to counties
- 5 shall be no less than the total amount paid for federal performance
- 6 incentives in fiscal year 2001.
- 7 (3) At the end of the current fiscal year, the department may, if
- 8 it is cost beneficial to the state and counties, withhold from
- 9 submitting to the federal office of child support administrative
- 10 expenses eligible for federal financial participation. The department
- 11 may recoup earned but unclaimed federal funds from the resulting
- 12 increased federal child support incentive. The recoupment by the
- 13 department shall be made prior to distribution of the increased
- 14 incentive to the counties. Any incentive funds retained by the state
- 15 under this section shall be separate and apart from incentive funds
- 16 retained in any other section of this act.
- 17 (4) A county shall not be penalized due to the failure to comply
- 18 with federal child support enforcement system requirements if the
- 19 department determines that all of the following conditions are met:
- 20 (a) The county, friend of the court, and the department have a
- 21 written agreement that outlines the county's commitment to participate
- 22 in the system.
- (b) The county and the friend of the court are fully and timely
- 24 cooperating with the work plan outlined in the child support
- 25 enforcement memorandum of understanding between the department and the
- 26 county.
- (c) The county and the friend of the court are implementing the

- 1 child support enforcement system required for federal certification.
- 2 (d) The friend of the court and county prosecuting attorney's
- 3 office use the statewide system upon availability to monitor and
- 4 process title IV-D cases.
- 5 (5) In addition to the amount specified in subsection (1), the
- 6 family independence agency may retain any federal title IV-D incentive
- 7 payment revenues withheld from counties pursuant to the imposition of
- 8 financial penalties, and may use the federal revenues retained for any
- 9 child support program purpose.
- 10 (6) For the purpose of providing title IV-D child support
- 11 enforcement funding, the department, as the IV-D agency, shall, within
- 12 30 days of the passage of this act, enter into a cooperative agreement
- 13 with the state attorney general for IV-D funding to support the child
- 14 support enforcement activities of the office of the attorney general.
- 15 The department to the extent possible under federal law shall provide
- 16 to the office of the attorney general any information used by the
- 17 office of child support enforcement to locate parents who fail to pay
- 18 court-ordered child support, to collect child support, or to enforce
- 19 child support orders.
- 20 PART 2A
- 21 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
- 22 Sec. 1001. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in 2002 PA
- 23 529, there is appropriated up to \$16,085,700.00 contingent upon the
- 24 receipt of a refund from the federal government related to penalties
- 25 previously imposed for the child support enforcement system and upon

- 1 certification from the state budget director that the funds are
- 2 available for expenditure. Of this amount, up to: \$8,785,700.00 may
- 3 be used for the child support enforcement system; \$4,300,000.00 may be
- 4 used for family independence program caseload, state disability
- assistance, and child care fund costs; and \$3,000,000.00 may be used
- to fund the transitional work support program.
- 7 (2) The funds appropriated in subsection (1) shall be considered
- 1-time authority.

9 REPEALERS

Sec. 1002. Section 413 of 2002 PA 529 is repealed. 10