SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6587

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act,"

by amending section 57e (MCL 400.57e), as amended by 2001 PA 280.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 57e. (1) Each family receiving family independence
- 2 assistance shall execute a -social contract FAMILY SELF-
- 3 SUFFICIENCY PLAN outlining the responsibilities of members of the
- 4 family independence PROGRAM assistance group, THE CONTRACTUAL
- 5 NATURE OF FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE, AND THE FOCUS ON
- 6 THE GOAL OF ATTAINING SELF-SUFFICIENCY. The -social contract
- 7 FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PLAN shall be developed -jointly by the
- 8 family independence agency DEPARTMENT and the adult family members
- 9 and OF THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GROUP WITH THE
- 10 DETAILS OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FAMILY

- 1 SELF-SUFFICIENCY PLAN BEING DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE
- 2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND THE ADULT FAMILY
- 3 MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GROUP. EXCEPT
- 4 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 57B, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLETE A
- 5 THOROUGH ASSESSMENT TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAMILY SELF-
- 6 SUFFICIENCY PLAN, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF REFERRAL TO A LIFE
- 7 SKILLS PROGRAM, AND DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE FAMILY
- 8 INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GROUP'S ADULT MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE
- 9 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK FIRST PROGRAM OR ARE EXEMPT FROM WORK
- 10 FIRST PARTICIPATION UNDER SECTION 57F. THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY
- 11 PLAN shall identify compliance goals that are to be met by members
- 12 of the family independence assistance PROGRAM group AND GOALS AND
- 13 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE
- 14 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GROUP, THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE WORK FIRST
- 15 PROGRAM. The -social contract FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PLAN shall
- 16 reflect the individual needs and abilities of the particular
- 17 family, and shall include at least all of the following:
- 18 (a) The obligation of each adult and each child aged 16 or
- 19 older who is not attending elementary or secondary school full-time
- 20 to participate in THE work first PROGRAM unless exempt under
- 21 section 57f.
- 22 (b) The obligation of each minor parent who has not completed
- 23 secondary school to attend school.
- 24 (c) Except as provided in section 57f(3), the obligation of
- 25 each adult to engage in employment, work first activities,
- 26 education or training, community service activities, or self-
- 27 improvement activities, as determined appropriate by the -family

- 1 independence agency, up to 40 hours per week DEPARTMENT.
- 2 (d) The obligation to cooperate in the establishment of
- 3 paternity and the procurement of child support, if applicable.
- 4 (e) The obligation of a recipient who fails to comply with
- 5 compliance goals due to substance abuse to participate in substance
- 6 abuse treatment and submit to any periodic drug testing required by
- 7 the treatment program.
- 8 (F) IF THE RECIPIENT IS DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO
- 9 PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK FIRST PROGRAM, THE OBLIGATION THAT THE
- 10 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PLAN MUST, AT A
- 11 MINIMUM, MEET FEDERAL GUIDELINES FOR WORK PARTICIPATION. EXCEPTIONS
- 12 MAY BE GRANTED IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE RECIPIENT OR A FAMILY
- 13 MEMBER IN THE RECIPIENT'S HOUSEHOLD HAS A DISABILITY THAT NEEDS
- 14 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 504 OF TITLE V OF
- 15 THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, 29 USC 794, SUBTITLE A OF TITLE II
- 16 OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, 42 USC 12131 TO
- 17 12134, OR ANOTHER IDENTIFIED BARRIER THAT INTERFERES WITH THE
- 18 RECIPIENT'S ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.
- 19 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION MUST BE MADE TO ADJUST THE NUMBER OF
- 20 REQUIRED HOURS OR THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO TAKE THE
- 21 IDENTIFIED LIMITATIONS INTO ACCOUNT.
- 22 (G) THE OBLIGATION THAT THE RECIPIENT MUST ENROLL IN A GED
- 23 PREPARATION PROGRAM, A HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM, OR A
- 24 LITERACY TRAINING PROGRAM, IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THE
- 25 RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN DEMONSTRATE
- 26 THAT THESE ISSUES PRESENT A BARRIER TO THE RECIPIENT MEETING THE
- 27 REQUIREMENTS IN HIS OR HER FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PLAN. THIS BASIC

- 1 EDUCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING SHALL BE COMBINED WITH OTHER
- 2 OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO ASSURE THAT IT
- 3 CAN BE COUNTED TOWARD FEDERAL WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.
- 4 (H) -(f) Any other obligation the family independence agency
- 5 DEPARTMENT determines is necessary to enable the family to achieve
- 6 independence.
- 7 (2) The <u>family independence agency</u> **DEPARTMENT** shall monitor
- 8 each family's compliance with the -social contract FAMILY SELF-
- 9 SUFFICIENCY PLAN.
- 10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 11 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
- 12 enacted into law:
- 13 (a) House Bill No. 6580.
- 14 (b) Senate Bill No. 1500.
- 15 (c) Senate Bill No. 1501.