

HOUSE BILL No. 6581

September 20, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Shaffer, Kooiman, Stahl and Pastor and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending section 57b (MCL 400.57b), as amended by 1999 PA 9.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 57b. (1) Subject to section 57l, an individual who meets
2 all of the following requirements is eligible for family
3 independence assistance:

4 (a) Is a member of a family or a family independence
5 assistance group.

6 (b) Is a member of a program group whose income and assets
7 are less than the income and asset limits set by the ~~family~~
8 ~~independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT**.

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

1 (d) Is a United States citizen, a permanent resident alien,
2 or a refugee.

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

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

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

1 **DEPARTMENT** determines that there is good cause for not requiring
 2 a minor parent to live with a parent, stepparent, or legal
 3 guardian, the minor parent and child shall live in another adult-
 4 supervised household. A local office director may waive the
 5 requirement set forth in this subsection with respect to a minor
 6 parent who is at least 17 years of age, attending secondary
 7 school full-time, and participating in a **DEPARTMENT** service plan
 8 ~~of the family independence agency~~ or a teen parenting program,
 9 if moving would require the minor parent to change schools.

10 (3) IN DETERMINING A PROGRAM GROUP'S FAMILY INDEPENDENCE
 11 PROGRAM ASSISTANCE MONTHLY PAYMENT STANDARD, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
 12 NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IN ITS CALCULATION OF THE PAYMENT
 13 STANDARD THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OR SHELTER AREA IN WHICH THE
 14 PROGRAM GROUP RESIDES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ADJUST A PROGRAM
 15 GROUP'S FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT STANDARD
 16 BASED ON WHETHER A RECIPIENT IS EXEMPT FROM WORK FIRST
 17 REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 57F.

18 (4) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE MONTHLY
 19 PAYMENT STANDARD FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH ONLY THE ELIGIBLE
 20 CHILDREN ARE COUNTED IN DETERMINING FAMILY SIZE, OR IF THE
 21 GRANTEE IS RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, SHALL BE PAID
 22 AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT PER FAMILY SIZE LISTED AS
 23 FOLLOWS:

| FAMILY SIZE | GRANT LEVEL |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | \$137.00 |
| 2 | \$266.00 |

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| 1 | 3 | \$411.00 |
| 2 | 4 | \$548.00 |
| 3 | 5 | \$689.00 |
| 4 | 6 | \$828.00 |
| 5 | 7 | \$910.00 |

6 (5) FOR ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FAMILY
 7 INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE, THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
 8 ASSISTANCE MONTHLY PAYMENT STANDARD SHALL BE PAID AT AN AMOUNT
 9 NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT PER FAMILY SIZE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

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| 10 | FAMILY SIZE | GRANT LEVEL |
| 11 | 1 | \$276.00 |
| 12 | 2 | \$371.00 |
| 13 | 3 | \$459.00 |
| 14 | 4 | \$563.00 |
| 15 | 5 | \$659.00 |
| 16 | 6 | \$792.00 |
| 17 | 7 | \$868.00 |

18 (6) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE PAYMENT STANDARD
 19 UNDER SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5), FOR A FAMILY OF 8 OR MORE, THE
 20 PAYMENT STANDARD IS INCREASED BY \$79.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL
 21 FAMILY MEMBER OVER 7.

22 (7) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT
 23 ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST RECIPIENTS WITH THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING
 24 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME.

25 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
 26 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6584(request no.

1 05680'06) of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.