

HOUSE BILL No. 6587

September 20, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Kolb, 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,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57n.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 57N. (1) A WORK FIRST PARTICIPANT MAY MEET THE WORK FIRST
2 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT BY PARTICIPATING IN A COMPREHENSIVE BASIC
3 EDUCATION OR JOB SKILLS PROGRAM FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 HOURS PER WEEK.
4 PARTICIPATION IN A PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED A
5 PERIOD LONGER THAN 180 DAYS.

6 (2) A WORK FIRST PARTICIPANT WHO HAS NOT EARNED A HIGH SCHOOL
7 DIPLOMA OR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT
8 (GED) TEST SHALL ENROLL IN A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)
9 PREPARATION COURSE AND MAY COUNT UP TO 10 HOURS EACH WEEK IN
10 ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) PREPARATION

1 COURSE TOWARD HIS OR HER WORK FIRST PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR A
2 PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN 180 DAYS.

3 (3) A WORK FIRST PARTICIPANT WHO HAS A READING PROFICIENCY AT
4 THE EIGHTH GRADE LEVEL OR LOWER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN A FAST TRACK
5 LITERACY PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS. PARTICIPATION
6 IN A FAST-TRACK LITERACY PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
7 SHALL COUNT TOWARD THE PARTICIPANT'S WORK FIRST WORK REQUIREMENT.

8 (4) UPON APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK FIRST PROGRAM,
9 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ACCEPTED INTO A 2-YEAR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
10 PROGRAM OR WHO HAS COMPLETED 2 YEARS OF A 4-YEAR POSTSECONDARY
11 EDUCATION PROGRAM MAY ATTEND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR 4-YEAR
12 UNIVERSITY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 24 MONTHS. AN INDIVIDUAL
13 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MAINTAIN A 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE OR
14 HIGHER AND SHALL MAINTAIN A 90% ATTENDANCE RECORD IN CLASSROOM
15 ACTIVITY. AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL WORK 20 HOURS
16 EACH WEEK WHILE ATTENDING A PROGRAM DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
17 TO MEET THE WORK FIRST PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.

18 (5) EACH LOCAL WORK FIRST PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO
19 THE LEGISLATURE THAT INCLUDES, AT A MINIMUM, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (A) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
21 ACHIEVING PERSONAL WORK PLAN GOALS.

22 (B) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
23 PLACED IN UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT.

24 (C) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
25 PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT WHO REMAIN EMPLOYED FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS
26 OR MORE.

27 (D) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS WHOSE

1 CASES ARE CLOSED DUE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

2 (E) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
3 ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WITH INFORMATION
4 ON THE DEGREE PROGRAMS ENROLLED IN AND THE LOCAL WORK FIRST
5 PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS' GRADUATION RATE.

6 (F) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
7 PARTICIPATING IN A FAST TRACK LITERACY PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL WORK
8 FIRST PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS' SUCCESS RATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

9 (G) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
10 PARTICIPATING IN A HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM OR A GENERAL
11 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL WORK FIRST
12 PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS' GRADUATION RATE.

13 (6) FUNDING PROVIDED TO WORK FIRST PROGRAMS OR PROVIDERS
14 CONTRACTED TO ADMINISTER WORK FIRST PROGRAMS SHALL BE BASED ON THE
15 SUCCESS RATE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

16 (A) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
17 ACHIEVING THE GOALS STATED IN THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

18 (B) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
19 PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 180
20 DAYS OR MORE.

21 (C) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST CASES CLOSED BY
22 EACH LOCAL MICHIGAN WORKS AGENCY DUE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
24 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
25 enacted into law:

26 (a) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6580(request no.
27 05677'06).

1 (b) Senate Bill No._____ or House Bill No. 6581(request no.
2 05678'06).

3 (c) Senate Bill No._____ or House Bill No. 6583(request no.
4 05679'06).

5 (d) Senate Bill No._____ or House Bill No. 6584(request no.
6 05680'06).

7 (e) Senate Bill No._____ or House Bill No. 6586(request no.
8 05682'06).

9 (f) Senate Bill No._____ or House Bill No. 6585(request no.
10 05683'06).