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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
93RD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2005**

Introduced by Senator Clark-Coleman

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 894

AN ACT to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 57d (MCL 400.57d), as amended by 2001 PA 280.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 57d. (1) The department and the department of labor and economic growth shall conduct joint orientation sessions for family independence assistance applicants no less frequently than weekly. After the department makes an initial determination that an adult or a child aged 16 or older who is not attending elementary or secondary school full-time is eligible for family independence assistance, that individual shall attend a joint orientation session. After completion of the orientation, the individual, the department, and a work first representative shall develop the family's family self-sufficiency plan in accordance with section 57e.

(2) If the individual fails to cooperate with work first or other required employment and training activities, the family is ineligible for family independence assistance.

(3) The department shall impose penalties under section 57g if the individual fails to comply with any of the following:

- (a) Work first activities.
- (b) Employment and training activities.
- (c) Child support requirements.

(4) The department shall impose penalties under section 57g if the individual fails to comply with the individual's family self-sufficiency plan's requirements.

(5) If the individual is complying with the family self-sufficiency plan, the department, a work first representative, and the recipient shall revise the family self-sufficiency plan if necessary and the family independence assistance group

shall continue to receive family independence assistance so long as the recipients meet family independence assistance program requirements.

(6) The department shall reassess the recipient's eligibility for family independence assistance not later than 24 months after the date the application for family independence assistance was approved. At the time of a reassessment under this subsection, the recipient shall meet with his or her department caseworker and work first program caseworker and redevelop the family self-sufficiency plan.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Sam E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor