

SENATE BILL No. 1386

November 29, 2012, Introduced by Senator CASWELL and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending section 57a (MCL 400.57a), as amended by 2011 PA 131.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 57a. (1) The department shall establish and administer
2 the family independence program to provide **TEMPORARY** assistance to
3 families who are making efforts to achieve independence. **FAMILY**
4 **INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT.**

5 (2) The department shall administer the family independence
6 program to accomplish all of the following:

7 (a) Provide financial support to eligible families while they
8 pursue self-improvement activities and engage in efforts to become
9 financially independent.

1 (b) Ensure that recipients who are minor parents live in
2 adult-supervised households in order to reduce long-term dependency
3 on financial assistance.

4 (c) Assist families in determining and overcoming the barriers
5 preventing them from achieving financial independence.

6 (d) Ensure that families pursue other sources of support
7 available to them.

8 (3) The department shall establish income and asset levels for
9 eligibility, types of income and assets to be considered in making
10 eligibility determinations, payment standards, composition of the
11 program group and the family independence program assistance group,
12 program budgeting and accounting methods, and client reporting
13 requirements to meet the following goals:

14 (a) Efficient, fair, cost-effective administration of the
15 family independence program.

16 (b) Provision of family independence program assistance to
17 families willing to work toward eventual self-sufficiency.

18 **(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT PROVIDE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE**
19 **PROGRAM ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROGRAM GROUP THAT INCLUDES AN ADULT WHO**
20 **HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE UNDER ANY STATE PROGRAM FUNDED WITH**
21 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES FOR MORE THAN 60 MONTHS,**
22 **WHETHER OR NOT CONSECUTIVE, AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1996. THIS SUBSECTION**
23 **DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROGRAM GROUP THAT INCLUDES AN ADULT WHO IS**
24 **EXEMPT FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE JET PROGRAM UNDER SECTION**
25 **57F(3)(C) OR (D), IF THAT ADULT ALSO WAS EXEMPT FROM PARTICIPATION**
26 **IN THE JET PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 57F(3)(C) OR (D) ON THE EFFECTIVE**
27 **DATE OF THE 2012 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION. NO**

1 OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT PROHIBITS THE DEPARTMENT FROM
2 TERMINATING FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS
3 SUBSECTION.