

HOUSE BILL No. 5627

June 4, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Olumba and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 56j.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 56J. (1) WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL APPLIES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER
2 THIS ACT, IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD, THE INDIVIDUAL
3 SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE CHILD IS ENROLLED IN AND
4 ATTENDING SCHOOL AND HAS AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 80%
5 FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING ILLNESS- OR INJURY-
6 RELATED ABSENCES. THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME, THE
7 NAME OF THE SCHOOL THE CHILD ATTENDS, AND THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

9 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE CONSENT TO RELEASE THE CHILD'S

1 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF
2 ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT.

3 (3) AS PART OF THE ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS, WHEN AN
4 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD APPLIES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER
5 THIS ACT OR FOR RENEWAL OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, THE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL VERIFY WITH THE SCHOOL THAT THE CHILD LISTED ON
7 THE AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING
8 THE SCHOOL AND HAS AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 80% FOR THE
9 CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING ILLNESS- OR INJURY-RELATED
10 ABSENCES.

11 (4) WHEN THE RECIPIENT'S SCHOOL-AGED CHILD IS IN COMPLIANCE
12 WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF
13 NOT LESS THAN 80% FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING
14 ILLNESS- OR INJURY-RELATED ABSENCES, THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR
15 ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT IF ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE
16 MET.

17 (5) AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS
18 ACT, IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD ATTENDING SCHOOL
19 OUTSIDE OF THE HOME, THAT INDIVIDUAL MUST ATTEND NOT FEWER THAN 1
20 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH HE OR SHE
21 RECEIVES ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT.