

SENATE BILL No. 276

March 19, 2013, Introduced by Senator HUNE and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending section 57f (MCL 400.57f), as amended by 2011 PA 132.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 57f. (1) The department shall enter into an agreement
2 with the Michigan economic development corporation or a successor
3 entity to facilitate the administration of the JET program. The
4 department shall make information on the program available to the
5 legislature.

6 (2) Except as provided in section 57b, at the time the
7 department determines that an individual is eligible to receive
8 family independence program assistance under this act, the
9 department shall determine whether that individual is eligible to
10 participate in the JET program or if the individual is exempt from
11 JET program participation under this section. The particular

1 activities in which the recipient is required or authorized to
2 participate, **INCLUDING COMMUNITY SERVICE**, the number of hours of
3 work required, and other details of ~~work first~~ **THE JET PROGRAM**
4 shall be developed by the department and the Michigan economic
5 development corporation or a successor entity and shall be set
6 forth in the recipient's family self-sufficiency plan. If a
7 recipient has cooperated with the JET program, the recipient may
8 enroll in a program approved by the local workforce development
9 board. Any and all training or education with the exception of high
10 school completion, GED preparation, and literacy training must be
11 occupationally relevant and in demand in the labor market as
12 determined by the local workforce development board and may be no
13 more than 2 years in duration. Participants must make satisfactory
14 progress while in training or education.

15 (3) The following individuals are exempt from participation in
16 the JET program:

17 (a) A child under the age of 16.

18 (b) A child age 16 to 18 who is attending elementary or
19 secondary school full-time.

20 (c) A recipient who has medical documentation of being
21 disabled or medical documentation of an inability to participate in
22 employment or the JET program for more than 90 days because of a
23 mental or physical condition.

24 (d) A recipient unable to participate as determined by the
25 medical review team.

26 (e) A recipient aged 65 or older.

27 (f) A recipient of supplemental security income.

1 (g) A recipient of retirement, survivor, or disability
2 insurance based on disability or blindness, or a recipient found
3 eligible for retirement, survivor, or disability insurance based on
4 disability or blindness who is in nonpay status.

5 (4) The department may grant a temporary exemption from
6 participation in the JET program to any of the following:

7 (a) An individual who is suffering from a documented short-
8 term mental or physical illness, limitation, or disability that
9 severely restricts his or her ability to participate in JET program
10 activities. An individual with a documented mental or physical
11 illness, limitation, or disability that does not severely restrict
12 his or her ability to participate in the JET program shall be
13 required to participate in the JET program at a medically
14 permissible level. An exemption under this subdivision shall not
15 exceed a period of 90 days without a review by a department
16 caseworker.

17 (b) An individual for whom certain program requirements have
18 been waived under section 56i. An exemption under this subdivision
19 shall not exceed a period of 90 days without a review by a
20 department caseworker.

21 (c) A parent with a child under the age of 60 days if that
22 child is in the home or a mother for postpartum recovery up to 60
23 days after giving birth if that child is not in the home.

24 (d) A pregnant recipient who, based on medical documentation,
25 is severely restricted in her ability to participate in JET program
26 activities for the duration of the pregnancy.

27 (e) The spouse of a recipient who is verified as disabled and

1 living in the home with the spouse if it is verified that the
2 spouse is needed in the home full-time due to the extent of medical
3 care required. An exemption under this subdivision shall not exceed
4 a period of 365 days without a review by a department caseworker.

5 (f) A parent of a child who is verified as disabled and living
6 in the home with the parent if it is verified that the parent is
7 needed in the home due to the extent of medical care required. If
8 the child attends school, the parent may be referred to the JET
9 program with limitations. An exemption under this subdivision shall
10 not exceed a period of 365 days without a review by a department
11 caseworker.

12 (5) An individual is not disabled for purposes of this section
13 if substance abuse is a contributing factor material to the
14 determination of disability.

15 (6) The department may promulgate rules in accordance with the
16 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
17 24.328, identifying exemptions under this section. The director of
18 the department may grant exemptions for extenuating circumstances
19 beyond the exemptions provided for in this section. The department
20 shall annually provide to the legislature, at the same time as the
21 governor's departmental budget proposal, a report of the number of
22 exemptions issued under this section and the individual reason for
23 those exemptions. This subsection does not apply after December 31,
24 2013.