

HOUSE BILL NO. 5463

October 21, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Outman, Markkanen, Meerman, Eisen, Yarocho, Beeler, Bezotte and Wozniak and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending section 10f (MCL 400.10f), as added by 2013 PA 41.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 10f. (1) The department shall perform an incarceration
2 match monthly to obtain information to assist in determining
3 eligibility based on incarceration status.

4 (2) If the department determines that a recipient is
5 incarcerated at the time the incarceration match is performed, the
6 department shall not issue a bridge card to that incarcerated

1 recipient. If a bridge card has already been issued to the
2 incarcerated recipient, the department shall ~~terminate that~~
3 ~~recipient's~~ **cancel the** bridge card ~~access~~ **and recover the remaining**
4 **balance.**

5 (3) The department ~~shall~~ **must** perform a monthly match using
6 the United States ~~social security~~ **Social Security** death index
7 database to determine if a recipient is deceased. If the department
8 determines that a recipient is deceased at the time the United
9 States ~~social security~~ **Social Security** death index match is
10 performed, the department shall not issue a bridge card to that
11 deceased recipient. If a bridge card has already been issued to the
12 deceased recipient, the department shall terminate that recipient's
13 bridge card access.

14 (4) On at least a monthly basis, the department shall receive
15 and review information from the state registrar, including, but not
16 limited to, death records, concerning individuals enrolled in
17 public assistance that indicates a change in circumstances that may
18 affect eligibility.

19 (5) The department shall enter into a data matching agreement
20 with the bureau of state lottery, Michigan gaming control board,
21 and any other relevant state board or agency to, on at least a
22 monthly basis, identify households with lottery or gambling
23 winnings of \$3,000.00 or more. To the extent permissible under
24 federal law, the department shall treat this data as verified upon
25 receipt. To the extent the data may not be verified upon receipt,
26 the department shall make referrals for further investigation to
27 identify households with winnings equal to or greater than the
28 resource limit for elderly or disabled households as defined in 7
29 CFR 273.8(b). Individuals or households that have failed to

1 disclose a winning and are identified through the database match
2 have presumptively committed an intentional program violation.

3 (6) On at least a quarterly basis, the department shall
4 receive and review information from the unemployment insurance
5 agency concerning individuals enrolled in public assistance that
6 indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility,
7 including but not limited to changes in employment or wages. The
8 unemployment agency shall provide information required under this
9 subsection to the department each quarter in compliance with
10 section 11 of the Michigan employment security act, 1936 (Ex Sess)
11 PA 1, MCL 421.11.

12 (7) On at least a monthly basis, the department must review
13 information concerning individuals enrolled in public assistance
14 that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect
15 eligibility, including but not limited to potential changes in
16 residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit transfer
17 transactions.

18 (8) On at least a quarterly basis, the department must make
19 available to the public on its website, data from findings of
20 noncompliance and fraud investigations in public assistance for the
21 following aggregate and nonconfidential and information that does
22 not personally identify a recipient:

23 (a) The number of public assistance cases investigated for
24 intentional program violations or fraud.

25 (b) The total number of public assistance cases referred to
26 the attorney general's office for prosecution.

27 (c) Improper payments and expenditures.

28 (d) Money recovered.

29 (e) Aggregate data concerning improper payments and ineligible

1 recipients as a percentage of those investigated and reviewed.

2 (f) The aggregate amount of funds expended by electronic
3 benefit transfer card transactions in each state outside of this
4 state.

5 (9) If the department receives information concerning an
6 individual enrolled in public assistance that indicates a change in
7 circumstances that may affect eligibility, the department shall
8 review the individual's case.