

HOUSE BILL NO. 6075

November 12, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Scott, Brenda Carter, Neeley, Young, Steckloff, Byrnes, Price, Hope, Brixie, Arbit, MacDonell, Koleszar, Dievendorf, Pohutsky, Glanville, Tyrone Carter, Snyder, Tsernoglou, Weiss, Hood, Hill, Morgan, Conlin, Paiz, Edwards, Brabec, Xiong, Farhat, McKinney, Morse, Martus, O'Neal, Miller, Breen, Rheingans, Wilson, Grant, Witwer, Wegela, Rogers, Mentzer, McFall, Fitzgerald and Aiyash and referred to the Committee on Energy, Communications, and Technology.

A bill to amend 2012 PA 615, entitled
"Michigan energy assistance act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 400.1233).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. (1) Subject to state appropriations, not later than
2 October 1, 2013, the department shall establish and administer the
3 Michigan energy assistance program statewide to provide energy
4 assistance to eligible low-income households.

5 (2) The department may use funds received from a federal
6 energy assistance program and any funds collected or appropriated

1 to fund the program. The department shall distribute the funds
2 described in this subsection for energy assistance and may use a
3 portion of the funds for necessary administrative expenses.
4 Necessary administrative expenses ~~shall~~**must** be calculated using an
5 established cost allocation methodology.

6 (3) Energy assistance must **prioritize vulnerable populations**
7 **and, as appropriate for the household,** include services that will
8 enable participants to become or move toward becoming self-
9 sufficient. ~~, including assisting~~ **Services that assist participants**
10 **in becoming self-sufficient include, but are not limited to,**
11 **providing assistance to help** participants in paying their energy
12 bills on time, assisting participants in budgeting for and
13 contributing to their ability to provide for energy expenses, and
14 ~~assisting participants in utilizing energy services to optimize on~~
15 ~~energy efficiency.~~ **referral to weatherization or energy waste**
16 **reduction programs and services.** By October 1, 2014, each entity
17 that carries out a contract with the department under this section
18 shall provide or coordinate these services. The department shall
19 attempt to coordinate its efforts with the efforts of other state
20 departments or agencies to assist low-income households in becoming
21 or moving toward becoming self-sufficient **and reducing energy**
22 **insecurity.**

23 (4) The department shall develop a simplified, single
24 application for all applicants to use to apply for energy
25 assistance under the program. The single application ~~shall~~**must** be
26 made available to all entities that contract with the department to
27 provide services under the program.

28 (5) Not later than December 1, 2014, and annually ~~after that,~~
29 **thereafter,** the department shall provide a report to the

1 legislature, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on
2 the department budget, the senate and house committees on issues
3 relating to energy, and the senate and house fiscal agencies on how
4 money from the program ~~created in this act~~ was distributed.

5 **Beginning with the program year that begins October 1, 2025, the**
6 **annual report required under this subsection must be filed no later**
7 **than March 1, 2027.**

8 (6) The department shall notify participants that they are
9 eligible for other services under the program including, but not
10 limited to, energy waste reduction products and services offered by
11 an energy provider or a home weatherization assistance program.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
13 unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are
14 enacted into law:

15 (a) Senate Bill No. 353.

16 (b) Senate Bill No. 880.

17 (c) Senate Bill No. 881.