

SENATE BILL NO. 944

February 26, 1998, Introduced by Senator GOUGEON and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 57b (MCL 400.57b), as added by 1995 PA 223.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 57b. (1) An individual who meets all of the following
2 requirements is eligible for family independence assistance:
3 (a) Is a member of a family or a family independence assist-
4 ance group.
5 (b) Is a member of a program group whose income and assets
6 are less than the income and asset limits set by the family inde-
7 pendence agency.
8 (c) In the case of a minor parent, meets the requirements of
9 subsection (2).
10 (d) Is a United States citizen, a permanent resident alien,
11 or a refugee.

1 (e) Is a resident of this state as described in section 32.

2 (f) Meets any other eligibility criterion required for the
3 receipt of federal or state funds or determined by the family
4 independence agency to be necessary for the accomplishment of the
5 goals of the family independence program.

6 (2) A minor parent and the minor parent's child shall not
7 receive family independence assistance unless they live in an
8 adult-supervised household. The family independence assistance
9 shall be paid on behalf of the minor parent and child to an adult
10 in the adult-supervised household. Child care in conjunction
11 with participation in education, employment readiness, training,
12 or employment programs, which have been approved by the family
13 independence agency, shall be provided for the minor parent's
14 child. The minor parent and child shall live with the minor
15 parent's parent, stepparent, or legal guardian unless the family
16 independence agency determines that there is good cause for not
17 requiring the minor parent and child to live with a parent, step-
18 parent, or legal guardian. The family independence agency shall
19 determine the circumstances that constitute good cause, based on
20 a parent's, stepparent's, or guardian's unavailability or unwill-
21 ingness or on a reasonable belief that there is physical, sexual,
22 or substance abuse, or domestic violence occurring in the house-
23 hold, or other risk to the physical or emotional health or safety
24 of the minor parent or child. If the family independence agency
25 determines that there is good cause for not requiring a minor
26 parent to live with a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian, the
27 minor parent and child shall live in another adult-supervised

1 household. A local office director may waive the requirement set
2 forth in this subsection with respect to a minor parent who is at
3 least 17 years of age, attending secondary school full-time, and
4 participating in a service plan of the family independence agency
5 or a teen parenting program, if moving would require the minor
6 parent to change schools.

7 (3) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY MAY REQUIRE SUBSTANCE
8 ABUSE TESTING AS A CONDITION FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE
9 UNDER THIS ACT. AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING FAMILY INDEPENDENCE
10 ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN
11 SUBSECTION (1) WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE UNDER THIS
12 SUBSECTION SHALL ENROLL IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, WHICH
13 TREATMENT SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE RECIPIENT'S SOCIAL CONTRACT
14 UNDER SECTION 57E. THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY OR THE
APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE SHALL PAY FOR THE
COST OF OR PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
(A) THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
(B) TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING
SITE. COSTS FOR ALL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT PROCEDURES WILL BE
COVERED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH BY USING
AVAILABLE MEDICAID OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING OR BY
PARTNERSHIPS WITH AGENCIES THAT CURRENTLY TREAT PATIENTS WITHOUT
MEDICAL COVERAGE. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR TREATMENT SHALL BE
PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.