

HOUSE BILL No. 4878

July 27, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Shaughnessy and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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 IS ATTENDING SCHOOL. THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME,
5 THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL THE CHILD ATTENDS, AND THE NAME OF THE
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE CONSENT TO RELEASE THE CHILD'S
8 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF
9 ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT.

10 (3) AS PART OF THE ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS, WHEN AN
11 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD APPLIES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER

1 THIS ACT OR FOR RENEWAL OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL VERIFY WITH THE SCHOOL THAT THE CHILD LISTED ON
3 THE AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING
4 THE SCHOOL.

5 (4) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDES A FALSE STATEMENT ON
6 AN AFFIDAVIT UNDER THIS SECTION IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR
7 ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT AND IS GUILTY OF PERJURY.

8 (5) A SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE
9 INFORMATION TO A DEPARTMENT OR STATE AGENCY REQUESTING INFORMATION
10 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REPAY THE DEPARTMENT OR STATE AGENCY THE
11 FULL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAID TO THE RECIPIENT WHO RECEIVED THE
12 ASSISTANCE ON WHICH THE FALSE INFORMATION WAS BASED.

13 (6) WHEN THE RECIPIENT'S SCHOOL-AGED CHILD IS IN COMPLIANCE
14 WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS, THE RECIPIENT SHALL BE
15 ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT IF ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY
16 REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.