

# SENATE BILL No. 423

May 3, 1989, Introduced by Senators CONROY, CHERRY, O'BRIEN, J. HART, DINGELL, IRWIN, FAUST, GEO. HART, SHINKLE, NICHOLS, DILLINGHAM, KELLY, SCHWARZ, FAXON, N. SMITH, WELBORN, ARTHURHULTZ, DE GROW, POSTHUMUS and BARCIA and referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Senior Citizens.

A bill to amend Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended  
"The social welfare act,"  
as amended, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 55d.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, as  
2       amended, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the Michigan Compiled  
3       Laws, is amended by adding section 55d to read as follows:  
4       SEC. 55D. (1) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY OPERATE A JOB START  
5       PROGRAM FOR UNEMPLOYED EMPLOYABLE PERSONS, 18 THROUGH 25 YEARS OF  
6       AGE. THE PROGRAM SHALL INVOLVE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION, JOB  
7       SEARCH, EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY WORK COMPONENTS AS  
8       DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY SHALL BE THE  
9       SAME AS FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER

1 PROVISION OF THIS ACT, EMPLOYABLE 18 THROUGH 25 YEAR OLD PERSONS  
2 SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED  
3 IN SUBSECTION (2).

4 (2) EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO  
5 RECEIVE GENERAL ASSISTANCE MEDICAL COVERAGE OR COVERAGE THROUGH  
6 THE WAYNE COUNTY PATIENT MANAGEMENT CARE SYSTEM, AND A MONTHLY  
7 TRAINING ALLOWANCE, EXCEPT THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMUNITY  
8 WORK COMPONENT SHALL BE PAID A WAGE INSTEAD OF THE MONTHLY TRAIN-  
9 ING ALLOWANCE.

10 (3) ANY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL, AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBSECTION (1), WHO REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SHALL  
12 NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR JOB START AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

13 (4) IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS PROGRAM, THE DEPART-  
14 MENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (A) REQUIRE EACH APPLICANT ENTITLED TO ALIMONY OR SEPARATE  
16 MAINTENANCE TO SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT.

17 (B) CLEAR WITH THE PROPER LEGAL AUTHORITIES THE CASE OF AN  
18 APPLICANT WHO IS DESERTED BY HIS OR HER SPOUSE TO DETERMINE THE  
19 ADVISABILITY OF LEGAL ACTION TO OBTAIN SUPPORT.

20 (C) IF IT IS INDICATED THAT ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS FROM  
21 OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, OLD AGE, SURVI-  
22 VORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS, FEDERAL VETERANS' BENE-  
23 FITS, AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN, OR SUPPLEMENTAL  
24 SECURITY INCOME EXISTS, SECURE A CLEARANCE IN WRITING WITH EACH  
25 APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

26 (D) DETERMINE THAT EACH EMPLOYABLE APPLICANT, MENTALLY AND  
27 PHYSICALLY ABLE TO WORK, IS NOT CURRENTLY REFUSING TO ACCEPT

1 AVAILABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH WAGES NOT LESS THAN THE USUAL RATE  
2 PAID BY THAT EMPLOYER FOR THE PARTICULAR KIND OF EMPLOYMENT ARE  
3 BEING OFFERED.

4 (E) EXCLUDE EARNINGS FROM THE PROGRAM IN DETERMINING GENERAL  
5 ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY OR BENEFIT LEVELS FOR OTHER INDIVIDUALS  
6 LIVING IN THE HOME WITH A PARTICIPANT.

7 (F) EXCLUDE EARNINGS FROM THE PROGRAM IN DETERMINING ELIGI-  
8 BILITY OR BENEFIT LEVELS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
9 PROGRAMS, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

10 (5) THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.