SENATE BILL No. 295

February 28, 2007, Introduced by Senator HARDIMAN and referred to the Committee on Families and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled

"The social welfare act,"

by amending section 57r (MCL 400.57r), as added by 2006 PA 468.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 57r. (1) Beginning October 1, 2007, if the department 1 2 determines that an individual is eliqible to participate in the 3 work first program and resides in a county in which a jobs, 4 education and training (JET) program is available, family independence assistance shall be paid to that individual for not 5 6 longer than a cumulative total of 48 months during that individual's lifetime. If the recipient is meeting all the 7 requirements outlined in his or her family self-sufficiency plan, 8 9 has not received more than 2 penalties under section 57g after

December 31, 2006, has not received any penalties under section 57g 1 2 in the preceding 12 months, and labor market conditions or employment barriers prevent employment placement, the recipient may 3 4 apply to the department for an extension of family independence assistance benefits for a period not to exceed 12 months over the 5 48-month cumulative lifetime total. Nothing in this subsection 6 prevents the department from providing assistance to individuals 7 who are determined to be exempt from work first participation under 8 section 57f. 9

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(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.