#### [No. 294]

#### (HB 5277)

AN ACT to make appropriations for the family independence agency and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

#### PART 1

#### LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

# Appropriations; family independence agency.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this act, the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the family independence agency for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

Full-time equated classified positions13,499.6		
Full-time equated unclassified positions6.0		
Total full-time equated positions13,505.6		
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	3,599,927,500
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers	\$	765,000
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	3,599,162,500
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		2,212,251,150
Special revenue funds:		
Total private revenues		8,513,950
Total local revenues		110,646,200
Total other state restricted revenues		50,641,200
State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,217,110,000
Executive operations.		
Executive operations.		
Sec. 102. EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS		
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Sec. 102. EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS Total full-time equated positions925.3		
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Sec. 102. EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS  Total full-time equated positions	\$	492,300
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		For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2001
Child support automation—28.0 FTE positions	\$	65,239,500
Child support distribution computer system—8.0 FTE positions	Ψ.	17,132,800
Supplemental security income advocates, salaries and wages—		11,102,000
16.0 FTE positions		1,022,200
Commission on disability concerns—8.0 FTE positions		785,700
Commission for the blind—108.0 FTE positions		17,621,100
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	245,159,400
Appropriated from:	Ψ.	,,
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
IDG-ADP user fees		150,000
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	245,009,400
Appropriated from:	·	, ,
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		158,399,800
Special revenue funds:		, ,
Total private revenues		1,840,000
Total local revenues		475,000
Total other state restricted revenues		477,300
State general fund/general purpose	\$	83,817,300
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Family independence services administration.		
Sec. 103. FAMILY INDEPENDENCE SERVICES		
ADMINISTRATION		
Full-time equated classified positions438.0		
Salaries and wages—299.0 FTE positions	\$	14,666,400
Contractual services, supplies, and materials		5,776,500
Child support incentive payments		32,409,600
Legal support contracts		117,496,400
State incentive payments		4,449,000
Employment and training support services		18,101,700
Drainet rame 94.0 ETE negitions		
Project zero—84.0 FTE positions		13,975,200
Food stamp issuance		4,124,400
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Food stamp issuance		4,124,400 5,171,000 100 10,636,400
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		For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2001
Child and family services.		
Sec. 104. CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES		
Full-time equated classified positions104.3		
Salaries and wages—43.3 FTE positions	\$	2,685,000
Contractual services, supplies, and materials	Ψ	1,683,500
Refugee assistance program—5.0 FTE positions		7,391,900
Foster care payments		192,882,000
Wayne County foster care payments		157,780,000
Adoption subsidies		157,262,200
Adoption support services—9.0 FTE positions		11,615,200
Youth in transition—10.0 FTE positions		11,327,900
Interstate compact		300,000
Children's benefit fund donations		21,000
Domestic violence prevention and treatment—6.0 FTE positions		11,228,500
Teenage parent counseling—4.0 FTE positions		4,417,600
Family preservation and prevention services—20.0 FTE positions		78,618,300
Black child and family institute		100,000
Rape prevention and services		1,100,000
Children's trust fund administration—7.0 FTE positions		459,100
Children's trust fund grants		3,615,000
Attorney general contract		2,458,700
Guardian contract		600,000
County shelters		300,000
Prosecuting attorney contracts		1,061,700
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	646,907,600
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	646,907,600
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		341,295,700
Special revenue funds:		
Private - children's benefit fund donations		21,000
Private - collections		4,101,300
Local funds - county payback		64,692,000
Children's trust fund		2,112,100
State general fund/general purpose	\$	234,685,500
Juvenile justice services.		
Sec. 105. JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES		
Full-time equated classified positions		
Personnel payroll costs—847.9 FTE positions	\$	51,883,000
County juvenile officers		3,863,300
Child care fund		76,952,500
Juvenile justice operations		17,029,800
Community juvenile justice centers—107.0 FTE positions		7,784,700
Genesee Valley, Burton and Northwest detention centers—		
254.2 FTE positions		18,489,400

		For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2001
Federally funded activities—12.0 FTE positions	\$	1,844,400 45,000 1,217,500 7,732,000 1,600,000 449,600
Committee on juvenile justice grants GROSS APPROPRIATION Appropriated from: Federal revenues:	\$	5,000,000 193,891,200
Total federal revenues		30,063,100
Total private revenues		45,000
Local funds - county payback	ф	44,641,700
State general fund/general purpose	\$	119,141,400
Local office staff and operations.		
Sec. 106. LOCAL OFFICE STAFF AND OPERATIONS		
Full-time equated classified positions10,161.9		
Field staff, salaries and wages—7,184.5 FTE positions	\$	294,072,100
Children and adult services, salaries and wages—2,826.9 FTE		
positions		119,502,700
Contractual services, supplies, and materials		30,267,300
Outstationed eligibility workers—60.0 FTE positions		5,000,000
Wayne County gifts and bequests		100,000
Volunteer services and reimbursement—90.5 FTE positions	Ф	7,269,800
GROSS APPROPRIATIONAppropriated from: Federal revenues:	\$	456,211,900
Total federal revenues		278,499,300
Local funds - donated funds		193,100
Private funds - Wayne County gifts		100,000
Private funds - hospital contributions		2,406,650
State general fund/general purpose	\$	175,012,850
Disability determination services.		
Sec. 107. DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES		
Full-time equated classified positions628.0		
Disability determination operations—602.0 FTE positions	\$	69,215,400
Medical consultation program—21.0 FTE positions		1,762,500
Retirement disability determination—5.0 FTE positions	ф	615,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	71,592,900
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Department of management and budget - office of retirement systems		615 000
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	615,000 70,977,900
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	For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2001
Federal revenues:	
Total federal revenues	\$ 70,084,600
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 893,300
Central support accounts.	
Sec. 108. CENTRAL SUPPORT ACCOUNTS	
Rent	\$ 48,825,500
Occupancy charge	12,840,600
Travel	7,880,500
Equipment	3,052,900
Workers' compensation	5,369,900
Advisory commissions	17,900
Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	165,705,500
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 243,692,800
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
Total federal revenues	137,423,450
Special revenue funds:	
Local funds - county payback	304,400
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 105,964,950
Public assistance.	
Sec. 109. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
Full-time equated classified positions14.0	
Family independence program	\$ 297,513,600
Transitional work support	15,000,000
State disability assistance payments	21,682,900
Food stamp program benefits	433,218,800
State supplementation	60,933,300
State supplementation administration	2,381,700
Homestead property tax credit for low-income families	27,000,000
Low-income energy assistance program—10.0 FTE positions	60,025,500
State emergency relief—4.0 FTE positions	42,083,400
Weatherization assistance	10,900,000
Day care services	523,525,800
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,494,265,000
Appropriated from:	
Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,494,265,000
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
Total federal revenues	978,237,400
Special revenue funds:	
Child support collections	41,311,800
Supplemental security income recoveries	4,440,000
Public assistance recoupment revenue	2,300,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 467,975,800

#### PART 2

#### PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

#### **GENERAL SECTIONS**

# Total state spending; payments to local units of government; notice of approximate shortfall.

Sec. 201. (1) Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2000-2001 is \$1,267,751,200.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2000-2001 is \$142,932,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to units of local government will occur:

# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

### CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Adoption subsidies	\$ 62,152,800
JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES Child care fund County juvenile officers	76,952,500 2,668,000
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE State disability program	1,158,700

142.932.000

(2) If it appears to the principal executive officer of a department or branch that state spending to local units of government will be less than the amount that was projected to be expended for any quarter under subsection (1), the principal executive officer shall immediately give notice of the approximate shortfall to the state budget director, the house of representatives and senate standing committees on appropriations, and the house and senate fiscal agencies.

### Appropriations subject to §§ 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this act are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

#### Definitions.

Sec. 203. As used in this act:

- (a) "ADP" means automated data processing.
- (b) "Department" means the family independence agency.
- (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- (d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.
- (e) "Temporary assistance for needy families" (TANF) or "title IV" means title IV of the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 601 to 603, 604 to 608, 609 to 619, 620 to 629e, 651 to 660, 663 to 669b, 670 to 673, 673b, 674 to 679, 679b, and 681 to 687.

#### Billing by department of civil service.

Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

#### Hiring freeze; exceptions.

Sec. 205. (1) Beginning October 1, a hiring freeze is imposed on the state classified civil service. State departments and agencies are prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position to another within a department or to positions that are funded with 80% or more federal or restricted funds.

(2) The state budget director shall grant exceptions to this hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency unable to deliver basic services. The state budget director shall report by the fifteenth of each month to the chairpersons of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous month and the justification for the exception.

# Contingency funds; availability for expenditure.

Sec. 206. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$200,000,000.00 for federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

- (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.
- (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 for local contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.
- (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 for private contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

### Privatization; project plan.

Sec. 207. At least 60 days before beginning any effort to privatize, the department shall submit a complete project plan to the appropriate senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies. The plan shall include the criteria under which the privatization initiative will be evaluated. The evaluation shall be completed and submitted to the appropriate senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies within 30 months.

#### Transmission of reports via electronic mail; use of Internet.

Sec. 208. The department shall continue to pilot the use of the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this act. This may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement or it may include placement of reports on the Internet or legislative Intranet site. The senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees and senate and house fiscal agencies shall be notified in writing of the Internet or Intranet site of any such report. Quarterly, the department shall provide a cumulative listing of the reports submitted during the most recent 3-month period along with the Internet or Intranet site of each report, and a list of

those reports expected to be transmitted in the following quarter. The option of receiving reports in printed format shall continue to be available.

# Purchase of foreign goods or services.

Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are available.

# Businesses in deprived and depressed communities; contracts to provide services or supplies.

Sec. 210. The director of each department receiving appropriations in part 1 shall take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. Each director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

# Grant disaster assistance program.

Sec. 211. The department may receive and expend advances or reimbursements from the department of state police for the administration of the individual and family grant disaster assistance program. An account shall be established in the department for this purpose when a disaster is declared. The authorization and allotment for the account shall be in the amount advanced or reimbursed from the department of state police.

# Write-offs of accounts receivable, deferrals, and prior year obligations; limitation.

Sec. 212. In addition to funds appropriated in part 1 for all programs and services, there is appropriated for write-offs of accounts receivable, deferrals, and for prior year obligations in excess of applicable prior year appropriations, an amount equal to total write-offs and prior year obligations, but not to exceed amounts available in prior year revenues or current year revenues that are in excess of the authorized amount.

# State's share of food stamp overissuance collection; retention as offset to general fund/general purpose costs.

Sec. 213. The department may retain all of the state's share of food stamp overissuance collections as an offset to general fund/general purpose costs. Retained collections shall be applied against federal funds deductions in all appropriation units where department costs related to the investigation and recoupment of food stamp overissuances are incurred. Retained collections in excess of such costs shall be applied against the federal funds deducted in the executive operations appropriation unit.

# **Budget report.**

Sec. 214. (1) The department shall submit a report to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget and to the senate and house fiscal agencies on the details of allocations within program budgeting line items and within the salaries and wages line items in the field services appropriation unit. The report shall include a listing, by account, dollar amount, and fund source, of salaries and wages; longevity and insurance; retirement; contractual services, supplies, and materials; equipment; travel; and grants within each program line item appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

(2) On a monthly basis, the department shall report on the number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff.

# Implementation of legislative objective; attainment plan.

Sec. 215. If a legislative objective of this act or the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, cannot be implemented without loss of federal financial participation because implementation would conflict with or violate federal regulations, the department shall notify the house and senate appropriations committees and the house and senate fiscal agencies of that fact. Upon receipt of the notification, a joint house and senate committee made up of the members of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees dealing with appropriations for the family independence agency may be appointed to meet with the director of the department to review the substantive, procedural, and legal ramifications of the legislative objective and to develop a plan to attain that legislative objective.

# Accounting and financial reporting for certain grants and financial assistance; appropriation and recognition.

Sec. 216. In compliance with governmental accounting standards board (GASB) statement no. 24, accounting and financial reporting for certain grants and other financial assistance, such as federal food stamp distributions via coupons or electronic benefits systems, are hereby appropriated and shall be recognized as general fund - special purpose expenditures in the state's accounting records and financial reports. The level of appropriations under this section shall coincide with anticipated federal food stamps revenues for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

# Receipt and retention of reports and records.

Sec. 217. The departments and state agencies receiving appropriations under this act shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. These departments and state agencies shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of these reports and records.

#### **TANF** funds.

Sec. 218. (1) The department shall prepare a semiannual report on the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) federal block grant. The report shall include projected expenditures for the current fiscal year, an accounting of any previous year funds carried forward, and a summary of all interdepartmental or interagency agreements relating to the use of TANF funds. The report shall be forwarded to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget on or before October 15, 2000 and April 15, 2001.

(2) The state budget director shall give prior written notice to the members of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees for the family independence agency and to the house and senate fiscal agencies of any proposed changes in utilization or distribution of TANF funding or the distribution of TANF maintenance of effort spending relative to the amounts reflected in the annual appropriations acts of all state agencies where TANF funding is appropriated.

# Veterans receiving food stamps, program assistance, and Medicaid.

Sec. 219. The department shall include in its quality control reporting the number of veterans receiving food stamps, family independence program assistance, and Medicaid.

### Contracts with faith-based organizations.

Sec. 220. (1) In contracting with faith-based organizations for mentoring or supportive services, and in all contracts for services, the department shall ensure that no funds provided directly to institutions or organizations to provide services and administer

programs shall be used or expended for any sectarian activity, including sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization.

- (2) If an individual requests the service and has an objection to the religious character of the institution or organization from which the individual receives or would receive services or assistance, the department shall provide the individual within a reasonable time after the date of the objection with assistance or services and which are substantially the same as the service the individual would have received from the organization.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the department shall cooperate with faith-based organizations so that they are able to compete on the same basis as any other private organization for contracts to provide services to recipients of department services, including, but not limited to, mentoring or supportive services. The department shall not discriminate against an organization that applies to become a contractor on the basis that the organization has a religious character.

# Carrying forward revenue collected from private and local sources.

Sec. 221. If the revenue collected by the department from private and local sources exceeds the amount appropriated in part 1, the revenue may be carried forward, with approval from the state budget director, into the subsequent fiscal year.

#### Internal auditor report.

Sec. 222. The department shall provide a report prepared by the department's internal auditor on the activities of the internal auditor for the prior fiscal year. This report shall include a listing of each audit or investigation performed by the internal auditor pursuant to sections 486(4) and 487 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1486 and 18.1487. The report shall identify the proportion of time spent on each of the statutory responsibilities listed in sections 485(4), 486(4), and 487 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1485, 18.1486, and 18.1487, and the time spent on all other activities performed in the internal audit function. The first report shall be due March 1, 2001, and biennially thereafter beginning on May 1 and shall be submitted to the governor, auditor general, the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the director.

# **Determination of Medicaid eligibility.**

Sec. 223. The department shall make a determination of Medicaid eligibility not later than 60 days after all information to make the determination is received from the applicant when disability is an eligibility factor. For all other Medicaid applicants, the department shall make a determination of Medicaid eligibility not later than 45 days after all information to make the determination is received from the applicant.

#### **EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS**

#### Electronic distribution of cash assistance; use of debit cards.

Sec. 301. The department may distribute cash assistance to recipients electronically by using debit cards.

#### **Tuition payments for blind clients.**

Sec. 302. The appropriation in section 102 for the Michigan commission for the blind includes funds for case services. These funds may be used for tuition payments for blind clients for the school year beginning September 2000.

#### Members of commissions or boards; per diem payments.

Sec. 303. The appropriation in section 102 for commissions and boards may be used for per diem payments to members of commissions or boards for a full day of committee work at which a quorum is present for performing official business as authorized by each respective commission or board. The per diem payment for the Michigan commission for the blind shall be at a rate of \$50.00 per day.

#### FAMILY INDEPENDENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Legal support contracts, state incentive payments, and salaries and wages for office of child support staff; retention and expenditure of federal money; recoupment of unclaimed funds; noncompliance with federal requirements; report.

Sec. 401. (1) From the federal money received for child support incentive payments, up to \$4,365,200.00 shall be retained by the state and expended for legal support contracts, state incentive payments, and salaries and wages for office of child support staff.

- (2) At the end of the current fiscal year, the department may, when it is cost beneficial to the state and counties, withhold from submitting to the federal office of child support administrative expenses eligible for federal financial participation. The department may recoup earned but unclaimed federal funds from the resulting increased federal child support incentive. The recoupment by the department shall be made prior to distribution of the increased incentive to the counties. Any incentive funds retained by the state under this section shall be separate and apart from incentive funds retained in any other section of this act.
- (3) A county shall be required to pay a penalty due to the state's failure to be in compliance with federal child support enforcement system requirements unless the county, friend of the court, and the department have a written agreement that outlines the county's commitment to participate in the federally required child support enforcement system and the county complies with a timeline for completion established by the department. Appropriate counties, the family independence agency, and the judiciary shall report on the progress of reaching federal standards by November 15, 2000. These groups will present an action plan as to how attainment will be reached by September 30, 2001.

# Friend of the court child support collections for public assistance recipients; demonstration projects.

Sec. 402. From the funds appropriated in section 103 for legal support contracts and child support incentive payments, the department may fund demonstration projects to enhance friend of the court child support collections efforts for public assistance recipients. Funding shall be from federal title IV-D and federal child support incentives earned. The projects shall be implemented in no more than 3 counties. Priority shall be given to counties with federal title IV-D aid to families with dependent children collections exceeding \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 1992.

# Community services block grant funds; use and distribution; public hearing.

Sec. 403. Not later than September 30 of each year, the department shall submit for public hearing to the chairpersons of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees dealing with appropriations for the family independence agency the proposed use and

distribution plan for community services block grant funds appropriated in section 103 for the succeeding fiscal year.

# Community services block grant funds; equitable distribution plan.

Sec. 404. The department shall develop a plan based on recommendations from the department of civil rights, and Indian organizations such as the Michigan urban Indian consortium as the central representative of all human service-oriented off-reservation Indian organizations and the inter-tribal council of Michigan to assure that the community services block grant funds are equitably distributed. The plan must be developed by October 31, 2000, and the plan shall be delivered to the appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency in the house and senate.

# Wayne County third circuit cooperative reimbursement contract; judiciary budget.

Sec. 405. The state general fund/general purpose contribution related to the Wayne County third circuit court cooperative reimbursement contract resides in the judiciary budget. There are no general fund/general purpose funds appropriated for this purpose in the family independence agency budget.

Sec. 407. From the funds appropriated in section 103 for employment and training support services, the department shall contract with created for caring for \$112,500.00 to provide employment skills and opportunities support services.

# Enhanced technical vocational training program.

Sec. 408. (1) The family independence agency shall work jointly with the department of career development to implement the enhanced technical vocational training program that shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) The training program shall be available statewide.
- (b) Eligible participants shall include family independence program recipients, work first clients, and child day care recipients referred by the family independence agency.
  - (c) Training shall be limited to not longer than 12 months in duration.
- (d) Training shall be directed to achieving or gaining skills that will lead to a career for the participant.
  - (e) Training shall be reasonably calculated to lead to full-time, skilled employment.
- (f) Participants shall receive any additional support needed to facilitate participation in the training program within reasonable parameters established by the department of career development including, but not limited to, all of the following:
  - (i) Child day care, including evening or nighttime care if appropriate.
  - (ii) Transportation.
  - (iii) Transitional Medicaid.
- (2) Eligible family independence program recipients, work first clients, and child day care recipients that commence training will be allowed to complete training, as long as all enhanced technical vocational training program participation requirements are being met.
- (3) The family independence agency shall work with the department of career development to promote outreach in community colleges regarding technical vocational training program opportunities.

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{Compiler's note:} \ \ \textbf{The shaded text was vetoed by the Governor, whose veto message appears in this volume under the heading "Vetoes."}$ 

(4) The family independence agency shall work in collaboration with the department of career development and the department of transportation regarding summer youth employment programs for the academically successful students. The programs shall seek to provide work-based alternatives for children over 13 years of age of families participating in the family independence summer project.

# Enhanced technical vocational program; study; report.

Sec. 409. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the family independence agency in conjunction with the department of career development shall conduct a study of the effect of the enhanced technical vocational program and report the results of the study to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees of the family independence agency no later than August 31, 2001. The study shall examine all of the following about the participants and former participants in the program:

- (a) Whether they have obtained jobs.
- (b) What kind of jobs they have obtained.
- (c) How long they have retained those jobs and if they have had more than 1 job, how long were they at each job.
  - (d) Current hourly wages.
- (e) Whether they are receiving basic health care benefits, tuition reimbursement, or training from their employers.
  - (f) Whether they continue to receive any type of public assistance.
- (g) Any other information specifically impacting on children that the department considers relevant.
  - (2) The 2 departments may retain a third party to conduct the study under this section.
- Sec. 411. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 103 for employment and training support services, the department shall expend up to \$1,000,000.00 in TANF funding that will be awarded to programs that have a proven track record of having accomplished the goals outlined in the intent of this programming for low-income fathers that meet all of the following criteria:
  - (a) The program shall be implemented as a pilot program.
- (b) The program shall be developed through community partnerships that may include, but are not limited to, the local family independence agency office, friend of the court, prosecuting attorney, faith-based organizations, churches, and community-based organizations who fulfill the intent of this section.
- (c) Eligible participants shall include fathers of families with incomes that do not exceed 200% of the poverty guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services, including noncustodial and teen fathers.
  - (d) The low-income fatherhood pilot program shall produce all of the following results:
  - (i) Increase positive interaction with children or families.
  - (ii) Improve communication and positive interaction with the children's mother.
- (iii) Fathers will be taught parenting skills including, but not limited to, problem solving, conflict resolution, strengthening families, and the healthy, responsible role of a father.

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- (iv) All fathers will be engaged in employment and training activities that will include but are not limited to, all of the following:
  - (A) Job search strategies.
  - (B) GED completion.
  - (C) Career counseling.
  - (D) Business communication skills.
- (E) Specific training programs including, but not limited to, tool and die, culinary arts, technology, and facilities maintenance.
  - (v) Increase financial support of the families.
- (vi) All fathers shall complete the fatherhood curriculum similar to, but not limited to, the national fatherhood initiative or national center for fathering curriculum.
- (vii) Marriage assessment programs that teach participants how to avoid failing at marriage in the future or work to strengthen existing marriages.
  - (viii) Divorce mediation.
- (2) The department shall grant priority in funding independent contractors who secure at least 10% in matching funds. The matching funds may be fulfilled through local, state, or federal funds, or through in-kind or other donations. A contractor who cannot fulfill the match described in this subsection shall not be excluded from applying for a program contract.
- (3) The local collaborative program shall provide the department with an interim report by March 15, 2001 and a final report not later than September 30, 2001 that includes all of the following:
  - (a) The number of participants served.
  - (b) The number of participants working at the time the report is completed.
- (c) The percentage of participants in compliance with child support payment requirements.
  - (d) Any other information that the department considers relevant.
- (4) From the funds appropriated in section 103 for low-income fatherhood pilot programs within employment and training support services, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.

# Escheated amount counted as title IV-D program income; budget adjustment.

Sec. 412. If title IV-D-related child support collections are escheated, the state budget director is authorized to adjust the sources of financing for the funds appropriated in section 103 for legal support contracts to reduce federal authorization by 66% of the escheated amount and increase general fund/general purpose authorization by the same amount. This budget adjustment is required to offset the loss of federal revenue due to the escheated amount being counted as title IV-D program income in accordance with federal regulations at 45 C.F.R. 304.50.

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#### Field investigations and home visits; policy.

Sec. 413. The department shall develop a written policy concerning department employee conducted field investigations and home visits that will include all of the following:

- (a) When and how investigations or home visits will occur.
- (b) The circumstances when a nonemployee may accompany a department employee conducting an investigation or a home visit.
- (c) Mandatory training on defusing threatening behavior for employees conducting investigations or home visits.

# TANF funding to community action agencies.

Sec. 414. (1) Of the funds appropriated in section 103 for community services block grants, \$2,000,000.00 represents TANF funding earmarked for community action agencies.

(2) From the funds appropriated in section 103 for community services block grants, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the community action agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.

#### CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

#### Reducing number of children in foster care; goal; priority.

Sec. 501. The following goal is established by state law. During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, not more than 3,000 children supervised by the department shall remain in foster care longer than 24 months. The department shall give priority to reducing the number of children under 1 year of age in foster care.

# Children under jurisdiction of Indian tribal courts; reimbursement.

Sec. 502. From the funds appropriated in section 104 for foster care, the department shall provide 50% reimbursement to Indian tribal governments for foster care expenditures for children who are under the jurisdiction of Indian tribal courts and who are not otherwise eligible for federal foster care cost sharing.

# Eighteenth birthday of adoptee; continuation of adoption subsidy payments; criteria.

Sec. 503. The department shall continue adoption subsidy payments to families after the eighteenth birthday of an adoptee who meets the following criteria:

- (a) Has not yet graduated from high school or passed a high school equivalency examination.
  - (b) Is making progress toward completing high school.
  - (c) Has not yet reached his or her twenty-first birthday.

#### Foster care private collections.

Sec. 504. The department's ability to satisfy appropriation deducts in section 104 for foster care private collections shall not be limited to collections and accruals pertaining to

services provided in the current fiscal year but shall include revenues collected in excess of the amount specified in section 104.

# Detention services; charge back to counties.

Sec. 505. Counties shall be subject to 50% charge back for the use of alternative regional detention services, if those detention services do not fall under the basic provision of section 117e of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.117e, or if a county operates those detention services programs primarily with professional rather than volunteer staff.

# Child welfare and juvenile justice services; multiyear contracts; specifications and determinations; criteria.

Sec. 506. (1) In order to promote continuity of service for children and families, the department shall, to the maximum extent possible, enter into multiyear contracts for child welfare and juvenile justice services.

(2) The bid specifications and contract award determinations for child welfare and juvenile justice services shall include criteria relative to provider experience, placing emphasis on total years of experience in providing child welfare and juvenile justice services, provision of services to persons of similar characteristics as the target clientele, quality of prior child welfare and juvenile justice services, length of service in the targeted geographic area, and the adequacy of the provider's plan for coordinating the provision of services in the targeted geographic area.

### Purchase of families first services; use of funds as local match.

Sec. 507. Funds appropriated in part 1 for the child care fund may be used as local match for the purchase of families first services for clients referred by juvenile courts. For local offices and courts choosing this option, the in-home portion of the county child care fund plan must authorize the transfer of funds from the state child care fund account designated for that county to a local funds - county payback deduct account associated with the family preservation services appropriation.

# Joint project between state child abuse and neglect prevention board and another state agency.

Sec. 508. (1) In addition to the amount appropriated in section 104, money granted or money received as gifts or donations to the children's trust fund created by 1982 PA 249, MCL 21.171 to 21.172, is appropriated for expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00.

(2) The state child abuse and neglect prevention board may initiate a joint project with another state agency to the extent that the project supports the programmatic goals of both the state child abuse and neglect prevention board and the state agency. The department may invoice the state agency for shared costs of a joint project in an amount authorized by the state agency, and the state child abuse and neglect prevention board may receive and expend funds for shared costs of a joint project in addition to those authorized by section 104.

# Preservation or reunion of family; conditions prohibiting expenditure of funds.

Sec. 509. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall not expend funds to preserve or reunite a family, unless there is a court order requiring the preservation or reuniting of the family or the court denies the petition, if either of the following would result:

- (a) A child would be living in the same household with a parent or other adult who has been convicted of criminal sexual conduct against a child.
- (b) A child would be living in the same household with a parent or other adult against whom there is a substantiated charge of sexual abuse against a child.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), this section shall not prohibit counseling or other services provided by the department, if the service is not directed toward influencing the child to remain in an abusive environment, justifying the actions of the abuser, or reuniting the family.

# Bids contracts not required.

Sec. 510. The department shall not be required to put up for bids contracts with service providers if currently only 1 provider in the service area exists.

# County reimbursement for child care fund expenditures; required reports.

Sec. 511. In order to be reimbursed for child care fund expenditures, counties are required to submit department developed reports to enable the department to document potential federally claimable expenditures. This requirement is in accordance with the reporting requirements specified in section 117a(7) of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.117a.

# Foster care pilot projects.

Sec. 512. From the funds appropriated in section 104 for foster care payments, the department may expend up to \$1,500,000.00 for foster care pilot projects that include ways to increase foster parent recruitment, improve foster parent retention, and increase delivery of training and supportive services to foster parents.

### Out-of-state placement of child; conditions.

Sec. 513. The department shall not expend funds appropriated in part 1 to pay for the placement of a child in an out-of-state facility unless all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) There is no appropriate placement available in this state.
- (b) The out-of-state facility meets all of the licensing standards of this state for a comparable facility.
- (c) The out-of-state facility meets all of the applicable licensing standards of the state in which it is located.
- (d) The department has done an on-site visit to the out-of-state facility, reviewed the facility records, and reviewed licensing records and reports on the facility and believes that the facility is an appropriate placement for the child.

#### Children's protective services; comprehensive report.

Sec. 514. The department shall make a comprehensive report concerning children's protective services (CPS) to the legislature by January 1, 2001, that shall include all of the following:

- (a) Statistical information including, at a minimum, all of the following:
- (i) The total number of reports of abuse or neglect investigated under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638, and the number of cases that were substantiated and the number that were unsubstantiated.

- (ii) Characteristics of perpetrators of abuse or neglect and the child victims, such as age, relationship, socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity.
- (iii) The mandatory reporter category in which the individual who made the report fits, or other categorization if the individual is not within a group required to report under the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.621 to 722.638.
- (b) New policies related to children's protective services including, but not limited to, major policy changes and court decisions affecting the children's protective services system during the immediately preceding 12-month period.

# Title IV-E child welfare waiver managed care demonstration project; implementation.

Sec. 515. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care payments and related administrative costs, the department may implement the federally approved title IV-E child welfare waiver managed care demonstration project.

# Adoption services for special needs children; annual status report.

Sec. 516. The department, with the involvement of private nonprofit agencies providing adoption services for special needs children through contracts with the department, shall prepare an annual report on the status of special needs adoptions and submit the report to the house of representatives and senate appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget and the house and senate fiscal agencies by June 1, 2001. The report shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (a) For each private nonprofit agency contract, and in aggregate, the number and percentage of adoptions in each of the payment categories specified in contracts with the department for calendar year 2000.
- (b) The total number of special needs adoptions completed in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

# Family preservation and prevention services; projects.

- Sec. 517. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 104 for family preservation and prevention services, the department is authorized to allocate funds to multipurpose collaborative bodies to address issues raised in the Binsfeld children's commission report issued in July 1996. Priority for activities and services will be given to at-risk children and families in unsubstantiated child protective services cases or low-risk substantiated cases.
- (2) From the funds appropriated in section 104 for family preservation and prevention services, up to \$4,000,000.00 may be used to fund community-based collaborative prevention services designed to do any of the following:
- (a) Foster positive parenting skills especially for parents of children under 3 years of age.
  - (b) Improve parent/child interaction.
  - (c) Promote access to needed community services.
  - (d) Increase local capacity to serve families at risk.
  - (e) Improve school readiness.
- (f) Support healthy family environments that discourage alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.
- (3) The appropriation provided for in subsection (2) is to fund secondary prevention programs as defined in the children's trust fund's pre-application materials for fiscal year 2000-2001 direct services grants.

- (4) Projects funded through the appropriation provided for in subsection (2) shall meet all of the following criteria:
- (a) Be awarded through a joint request for proposal process established by the department in conjunction with the children's trust fund and the state human services directors.
- (b) Be secondary prevention initiatives. Funds are not intended to be expended in cases in which neglect or abuse has been substantiated.
- (c) Demonstrate that the planned services are part of a community's integrated comprehensive family support strategy endorsed by the local multipurpose collaborative body.
- (d) Provide a 25% local match of which not more than 10% is in-kind goods or services unless the maximum percentage is waived by the state human services directors.
- (5) As used in this section, "state human services directors" means the director of the department of community health, the director of the department of education, and the director of the family independence agency.

# Multipurpose collaborative bodies.

- Sec. 518. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that the funds appropriated in section 104 for family preservation and prevention services in the 2000-2001 fiscal year reflect strong families/safe children allocations to local multipurpose collaborative bodies that are no less than the allocations in effect on April 1, 1997.
- (2) In order to maintain this level of funding, the department may use up to \$8,000,000.00 in TANF funds provided that the local multipurpose collaborative bodies submit data to the department that will enable the department to document potential federal claimable expenditures.
- (3) No later than March 1, 2001, each local multipurpose collaborative body shall submit a report to the department that includes the number of people receiving strong families/safe children services, the local goals for this program, and a measure of the effectiveness in meeting these goals.

# Foster care payments, Wayne County foster care payments, adoption subsidies and adoption support services, residential treatment programs, specialized foster care, and supervised independent living; rates; report.

- Sec. 519. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care payments, Wayne County foster care payments, adoption subsidies and adoption support services, the department shall increase the rate of payments for foster parents and parents receiving adoption subsidies by 3% beginning with the first pay period in October 2000, and the department shall increase the rate of payment for child placing agencies and private residential treatment facilities by 3% effective February 15, 2001.
- (2) The department, with the involvement of private nonprofit agencies providing residential treatment, specialized foster care, and supervised independent living services to children through contracts with the department, shall conduct a review of the rates paid for these services. The review shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:
- (a) For residential treatment programs, consideration of the factors including, but not limited to, those identified on pages 55 through 57 of the Michigan auditor general performance audit report of juvenile justice services issued April 1999.
- (b) For specialized foster care and supervised independent living programs, consideration of factors included in subdivision (a) and a review of costs, services, and expected

outcomes related to a child's mild, moderate, and severe behavioral criteria specified in current contracts.

(3) Based on the review required in subsection (2), the department shall by April 1, 2001 prepare a comprehensive report addressing its findings, any actions taken as a result of its review, and any recommendations for changes in the payment rates and required outcomes for these programs. The report shall be submitted to the house and senate standing committees dealing with human services, the house and senate appropriations subcommittees dealing with appropriations for the family independence agency, and the house and senate fiscal agencies.

# Kinship care.

Sec. 520. It is the intent of the legislature that the funds appropriated in section 109 for kinship care in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 reflect the legislature's commitment to reduce the benefit discrepancy between kinship care and a similar family size within the family independence agency program (FIP). The legislature recognizes the commitment of relatives to provide family continuity, nurturance, and care for this special population of children who can no longer remain in their parents' care due to abuse, neglect, or other social problems.

# Adoption placement services; audit to determine average cost.

Sec. 521. The family independence agency expenditures for adoption placement services shall be audited in order to determine the average cost for each type or category of adoptive placement.

Sec. 522. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family preservation and prevention services, \$255,000.00 in TANF funds are allocated to the 17 clubs statewide of the Michigan Area Council of Boys and Girls Clubs of America for after-school programs.

#### TANF funds; allocation to agencies meeting reporting requirements.

Sec. 523. From the funds appropriated in section 104 for youth in transition, domestic violence prevention and treatment, teenage parent counseling, and boys and girls clubs program within family preservation and prevention services, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.

# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

#### Rent vendoring payment program.

Sec. 601. (1) The department may terminate a vendor payment for shelter upon written notice from the appropriate local unit of government that a recipient's rental unit is not in compliance with applicable local housing codes or when the landlord is delinquent on property tax payments. A landlord shall be considered to be in compliance with local housing codes when the department receives from the landlord a signed statement stating that the rental unit is in compliance with local housing codes and that statement is not

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contradicted by the recipient and the local housing authority. The department shall terminate vendor payments if a taxing authority notifies the department that taxes are delinquent.

- (2) Whenever a client agrees to the release of his or her name and address to the local housing authority, the department shall request from the local housing authority information regarding whether the housing unit for which vendoring has been requested meets applicable local housing codes. Vendoring shall be terminated for those units that the local authority indicates in writing do not meet local housing codes until such time as the local authority indicates in writing that local housing codes have been met.
- (3) In order to participate in the rent vendoring programs of the department, a landlord shall cooperate in weatherization and conservation efforts directed by the department or by an energy provider participating in an agreement with the department when the landlord's property has been identified as needing services.

#### Transitional shelter facilities.

Sec. 602. The department, together with other agencies, may establish special projects to provide special needs shelter payment levels for the family independence program that will support the development of transitional shelter facilities for homeless families. These facilities are to provide supportive services to families and to support the development of permanent low-income housing.

# Direct payments to energy providers.

- Sec. 603. (1) The department, as it determines is appropriate, shall enter into agreements with energy providers by which cash assistance recipients and the energy providers agree to permit the department to make direct payments to the energy providers on behalf of the recipient. The payments may include heat and electric payment requirements from recipient grants and amounts in excess of the payment requirements.
- (2) The department shall establish caps for natural gas, wood, electric heat service, deliverable fuel heat services, and for electric service based on available federal funds.
- (3) The department shall negotiate with positive billing utility companies to develop extended payment plans. Such plans shall allow clients who terminate from positive billing due to increased income to make monthly payments in order to gradually liquidate utility arrears.

# State disability assistance program; eligibility.

- Sec. 604. (1) The department shall operate a state disability assistance program. Except as provided in subsection (3), persons eligible for this program shall include needy citizens of the United States or aliens exempted from the supplemental security income citizenship requirement who are at least 18 years of age or emancipated minors meeting 1 or more of the following requirements:
- (a) A recipient of supplemental security income, social security, or medical assistance due to disability or 65 years of age or older.
- (b) A person with a physical or mental impairment which meets federal supplemental security income disability standards, except that the minimum duration of the disability shall be 90 days. Substance abuse alone is not defined as a basis for eligibility.
- (c) A resident of an adult foster care facility, a home for the aged, a county infirmary, or a substance abuse treatment center.
  - (d) A person receiving 30-day postresidential substance abuse treatment.
  - (e) A person diagnosed as having acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

- (f) A person receiving special education services through the local intermediate school district.
  - (g) A caretaker of a disabled person as defined in subdivision (a), (b), (e), or (f) above.
- (2) Applicants for and recipients of the state disability assistance program shall be considered needy if they:
- (a) Meet the same asset test as is applied to applicants for the family independence program.
  - (b) Have a monthly budgetable income that is less than the payment standards.
- (3) Except for a person described in subsection (1)(c) or (d), a person is not disabled for purposes of this section if his or her drug addiction or alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the determination of disability. "Material to the determination of disability" means that, if the person stopped using drugs or alcohol, his or her remaining physical or mental limitations would not be disabling. If his or her remaining physical or mental limitations would be disabling, then the drug addiction or alcoholism is not material to the determination of disability and the person may receive state disability assistance. Such a person must actively participate in a substance abuse treatment program, and the assistance must be paid to a third party or through vendor payments. For purposes of this section, substance abuse treatment includes receipt of inpatient or outpatient services or participation in alcoholics anonymous or a similar program.
- (4) A refugee or asylee who loses his or her eligibility for the federal supplemental security income program by virtue of exceeding the maximum time limit for eligibility as delineated in section 402 of title IV of the personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 U.S.C. 1612, and who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria under this section shall be eligible to receive benefits under the state disability assistance program.

# State disability assistance recipients in licensed adult foster care facilities; level of reimbursement.

Sec. 605. The level of reimbursement provided to state disability assistance recipients in licensed adult foster care facilities shall be the same as the prevailing supplemental security income rate under the personal care category.

# Recipient of retroactive supplemental security income benefits; repayment of state disability assistance.

Sec. 606. County family independence agencies shall require each recipient of state disability assistance who has applied with the social security administration for supplemental security income to sign a contract to repay any assistance rendered through the state disability assistance program upon receipt of retroactive supplemental security income benefits.

# State disability assistance/supplemental security income recoveries and public assistance recoupment revenues; net recoveries included.

Sec. 607. The department's ability to satisfy appropriation deductions in section 109 for state disability assistance/ supplemental security income recoveries and public assistance recoupment revenues shall not be limited to recoveries and accruals pertaining to state disability assistance, or family independence assistance grant payments provided only in the current fiscal year, but shall include all related net recoveries received during the current fiscal year.

# Residents receiving supplemental security income; reimbursement to home or facility.

Sec. 608. Adult foster care facilities providing domiciliary care or personal care to residents receiving supplemental security income or homes for the aged serving residents receiving supplemental security income shall not require those residents to reimburse the home or facility for care at rates in excess of those legislatively authorized. To the extent permitted by federal law, adult foster care facilities and homes for the aged serving residents receiving supplemental security income shall not be prohibited from accepting third-party payments in addition to supplemental security income provided that the payments are not for food, clothing, shelter, or result in a reduction in the recipient's supplemental security income payment.

# Supplemental security income program; level reduction prohibited.

Sec. 609. The state supplementation level under the supplemental security income program for the personal care/adult foster care and home for the aged categories shall not be reduced during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001.

# State emergency relief program; exemptions.

Sec. 610. In developing good cause criteria for the state emergency relief program, the department shall grant exemptions if the emergency resulted from unexpected expenses related to maintaining or securing employment.

# Indigent burials; additional payment.

- Sec. 611. (1) The department shall not require providers of burial services to accept state payment for indigent burials as payments in full. Providers shall be permitted to collect additional payment, not to exceed \$2,300.00, from relatives or other persons on behalf of the deceased.
- (2) Of the additional payments collected in subsection (1), 75% shall be distributed to funeral directors and 25% to cemeteries or crematoriums if cemeteries provide the vaults.
- (3) Any additional payment collected pursuant to subsection (1) shall not increase the maximum charge limit for state payment as established by law.

### Housing affordability eligibility.

Sec. 612. For purposes of determining housing affordability eligibility for state emergency relief, a group is considered to have sufficient income to meet ongoing housing expenses if their total housing obligation does not exceed 75% of their total net income.

### Indigent burials; maximum charge limit.

Sec. 613. From the funds appropriated in section 109 for state emergency relief, the maximum allowable charge limit for indigent burials shall be \$1,460.00. It is the intent of the legislature that this charge limit reflect a maximum payment to funeral directors of \$910.00 for funeral goods and services and a maximum payment to cemeteries or crematoriums of \$350.00 for cemetery goods and services. In addition, a maximum payment of \$200.00 shall be distributed to either the funeral director or cemetery, whoever provides the burial yault.

### Indigent burials; availability of funds; payment.

Sec. 614. The funds available pursuant to this section shall be available if the deceased was an eligible recipient and an application for emergency relief funds was made within

10 days of the burial or cremation of the deceased person. Each provider of burial services shall be paid directly by the department.

# Public assistance to illegal alien; prohibition; exception.

Sec. 615. Except as required by federal law or regulations, funds appropriated in section 109 shall not be used to provide public assistance to a person who is an illegal alien. This section shall not prohibit the department from entering into contracts with food banks or emergency shelter providers who may, as a normal part of doing business, provide food or emergency shelter to individuals.

# Weatherization program.

- Sec. 616. (1) The appropriation in section 109 for the weatherization program shall be expended in such a manner that at least 25% of the households weatherized under the program shall be households of families receiving family independence assistance, state disability assistance, or supplemental security income.
- (2) Any unencumbered balances of the weatherization program shall not lapse and may be carried forward to fiscal year 2002.

# Minor parent's adult supervised household; approved living arrangement.

Sec. 617. In operating the family independence program with funds appropriated in section 109, the department shall not approve as a minor parent's adult supervised household a living arrangement in which the minor parent lives with his or her partner as the supervising adult.

# Reduction, termination, or suspension of assistance; notice.

- Sec. 618. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the department shall provide not less than 10 days' notice before reducing, terminating, or suspending assistance provided under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b.
- (2) The department may only reduce, terminate, or suspend assistance provided under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, without prior notice in 1 or more of the following situations:
  - (a) The only eligible recipient has died.
- (b) A recipient member of a program group or family independence assistance group has died.
  - (c) A recipient child is removed from his or her family home by court action.
- (d) A recipient requests in writing that his or her assistance be reduced, terminated, or suspended.
- (e) A recipient has intentionally violated 1 or more of the requirements of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b.
  - (f) A recipient has been approved to receive assistance in another state.
- (g) A change in either state or federal law that requires automatic grant adjustments for classes of recipients.
- (3) If a recipient appeals the department's determination to reduce, terminate, or suspend his or her assistance within 10 days from the mailing of the notice of negative action, the department shall not reduce, terminate, or suspend that assistance until there is a final determination of that appeal upholding the department's determination to reduce, terminate, or suspend that assistance.

# Title IV-A assistance and food stamp benefits; exemption from denial.

Sec. 619. The department shall exempt from the denial of title IV-A assistance and food stamp benefits, contained in section 115 of title I of the personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 21 U.S.C. 862a, any individual who has been convicted of a felony that included the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, after August 22, 1996, provided that the individual is not in violation of his or her probation or parole requirements. Benefits shall be provided to such individuals as follows:

- (a) A third-party payee or vendor shall be required for any cash benefits provided.
- (b) An authorized representative shall be required for food stamp receipt.

# Notification of additional programs; exit interview.

Sec. 620. (1) The department shall ensure that all family independence agency clients are informed in writing of additional programs for which they may potentially be eligible. Notification of programs should at a minimum include information on transitional Medicaid, LIF Medicaid, Healthy Kids, and MIChild, transitional child day care services, extended payment plans with positive billing utility companies as negotiated under section 603(3) of this bill including emergency assistance with utility arrearages, tax credits available to low-income households, opportunities for skills development, training and education, training programs administered by the department of career development, individual development account opportunities, and instructions on the application process for each program benefit.

(2) At the client's discretion, the department shall grant an exit interview to discuss issues pertaining to self-sufficiency including all of the information outlined in subsection (1). Clients shall be notified of their right to an exit interview.

# Multicultural assimilation and support services.

Sec. 621. Funds appropriated in part 1 may be used to support multicultural assimilation and support services. The department shall distribute all of the funds described in this section based on assessed community needs.

# Acquisition of data on former work first participants; report; retention of third party to conduct studies; participation of department with Michigan department of career development.

Sec. 622. (1) Using all relevant state data sources, the department in collaboration with Michigan department of career development shall acquire data on former work first participants whose family independence program cases closed due to earnings during fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, for the second year in the continuing longitudinal study started in fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. In addition, first year data will also be compiled on former work first participants whose family independence program cases were closed due to earnings during fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The data will include:

- (a) Number and percentage employed.
- (b) Average hourly wage of those employed.
- (c) Current hourly wage of those employed.
- (d) Range of wages earned by those employed.
- (e) Number of individuals that earned each wage amount.

- (f) Number and percentage receiving health care benefits from their employer.
- (g) Number and percentage receiving tuition reimbursement from their employer.
- (h) Number and percentage receiving training benefits from their employer.
- (i) The type of jobs obtained by former recipients in general categories.
- (j) The length of time former recipients have retained their jobs, or if they have had more than 1 job, the length of time employed at each job.
  - (k) Number and percentage continuing to receive any type of public assistance.
- (l) If the former recipient has children, whether the children are enrolled in and attending school.
- (m) The extent to which the former recipient feels that he or she and his or her family are better off now than when they were on cash assistance with regard to household income, housing, food and nutritional needs, child health care, and access to health insurance coverage.
  - (n) If the client has participated in training and the type of training participated in.
- (2) The department in collaboration with the department of career development shall file a report containing the identified data with the appropriate house and senate appropriations subcommittees and fiscal agencies by March 15, 2001.
- (3) The department shall cooperate with the department of career development in formulating and acquiring the identified data.
- (4) The department together with the department of career development may retain a third party to conduct the studies to obtain the data identified under this section.
- (5) The department shall work with the department of career development to increase communication between the 2 departments while implementing the provisions of this section.

# Individual development accounts; additional and matching funds.

Sec. 623. From the funds appropriated in section 109, \$100,000.00 may be used to leverage additional funds and to promote private or nonprofit sector matching funds in individual development accounts for family independence program recipients pursuant to the personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105. These funds may be used to support individual development accounts for both home purchase and education.

# Individual development accounts; implementation.

Sec. 624. The department shall maintain a plan to provide for the implementation of individual development accounts pursuant to section 57k of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.57k, by individuals who apply for or receive public assistance from the department.

# Individual development accounts; implementation in low-income designated credit unions.

Sec. 625. From the funds appropriated in section 109, the department in collaboration with the Michigan state university center for urban affairs and its partner organizations, the Michigan credit union league and the national federation of community development credit unions, shall further the work begun in fiscal year 1999-2000 that implemented the individual development accounts programs in the growing number of low-income designated credit unions, i.e., community development credit unions (CDCUs) located in this state's poorest communities. This further work will extend capacity-building and

technical assistance services to existing and emerging CDCUs serving low-income populations and will include:

- (a) Creation of a Michigan-based support system for the capacity-building of existing and emerging CDCUs serving low-income individuals and families, including development and testing of training, technical assistance, and professional development initiatives and related materials, and other capacity-building services to Michigan CDCUs.
- (b) Other related support to assist existing and emerging CDCUs in becoming self-supporting institutions to assist impoverished Michigan residents in becoming economically independent.
- (c) Training and technical assistance to CDCUs in the development of support services, such as economic literacy, credit counseling, budget counseling, and asset management programs for low-income individuals and families.

# Day care provider training programs; pilot project.

- Sec. 626. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 109 for day care services, the department shall expend \$800,000.00 for day care provider training programs administered under contract with the Michigan community coordinated child care association. Training shall be made available to all day care providers including those who work out of centers, group homes, family homes, and the homes of relatives, and in-home aides.
- (2) From the funds appropriated in subsection (1), the Michigan community coordinated child care association shall administer a training pilot project targeting in-home aides and persons providing child care to relatives. Providers who verify that they have received day care payments for at least 3 months from the department and who successfully complete at least 15 hours of approved child care training shall be eligible to receive a 1-time lump sum payment of up to \$150.00 for training received after October 1, 2000. The total paid in lump sum payments and training costs shall not exceed \$300,000.00. Approved training may include programs operated by the Michigan community coordinated child care association, the Michigan association for the education of young children, community colleges, universities, or university extension programs.
- (3) On or before March 1, 2001, the department shall provide the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget a progress report on the pilot project authorized in subsection (2).

# Enhance quality improvement program.

- Sec. 627. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 109 for day care services, the department shall contract with the Michigan community coordinated child care association to administer an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.00 for the "enhance quality improvement program" (EQUIP) grants. A priority for the expenditure of EQUIP funds shall be given to providers to expand access to child care, specifically 24-hour care and weekend care. A child care program shall not be eligible for an EQUIP grant unless 25% or more of its clients receive day care payments from the department.
- (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care services, the department shall establish an additional fund of at least \$350,000.00 for a grant pool for an "enhance quality improvement program" (EQUIP) specifically to establish new family and group home day care providers.

### Ready to succeed dialogue with Michigan.

Sec. 628. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, \$100,000.00 shall be used to support the continuation of the "ready to succeed dialogue with Michigan" to continue the exploration and development of a system of early childhood education, care, and support

in this state that meets the needs of every child. This appropriation shall be used to leverage other private and public funding to bring together leaders from state and local governments, corporate and small business, the faith community, law enforcement, educators, parents, experts in early childhood development, current providers, and others to continue the development of a voluntary system of universal access to early childhood education, care, and support that respects the diversity of Michigan families.

- (2) The "ready to succeed dialogue with Michigan" shall provide a report to the legislature on its activities and recommendations not later than September 30, 2001. The report shall address at least the following items:
  - (a) Helping parents obtain safe, high-quality early childhood education and care.
  - (b) Improving the quality of care in Michigan and the qualifications of providers.
- (c) Educating parents and community about the importance of quality education and care in the first years of a child's life.
- (d) Improving the environment in Michigan for young children including access to quality care for all young children, especially those with special needs and those whose parents work nontraditional hours.
- (e) Efforts to organize local community leadership to address the needs of families with young children and coordinate local services to better achieve this goal.
- (3) Organizational leadership for planning and conducting the ready to succeed dialogue with Michigan shall be provided by the ready to succeed coordinating committee. Committee membership includes representatives from C.S. Mott, Frey foundation, McGregor fund, the Skillman foundation, W.K. Kellogg foundation, family independence agency, department of education, union organization, ECEC organizations, 6 legislators from the legislative children's caucus, and leaders from priority action teams. The coordinating committee shall name a fiduciary agent and may authorize the expenditure of funds and hiring people to accomplish its work. The committee shall provide the department with a full accounting of its revenues and expenditures for the period covered by this appropriation.

Sec. 629. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, up to \$275,000.00 shall be utilized by the family independence agency to contract with Goodwill Industries, Michigan Businesses, Partners in Public Education, Family Guidance Center, Faith, Inc., and businesses including medical providers, manufacturing industries, and human services and hospitality providers to initiate a career tracked approach to employment of individuals receiving TANF. Career training will include, but not be limited to, certified nurse aide training, child care provision, and manufacturing and retail and service industries. The following criteria will be met:

- (a) The program shall be implemented as a pilot program.
- (b) The program shall be developed through community partnerships with businesses that shall agree to provide jobs related to the training at the end of the training period.
- (c) Eligible participants shall include homeless individuals, family independence program recipients, and work first clients referred by the family independence agency.
  - (d) Training shall be limited to not longer than 6 months in duration.
- (e) Training shall be directed to achieving or gaining skills that will lead to significant skilled employment for the participants such as a certification as a nurse's aide.

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- (f) Training shall be reasonably calculated to lead to full-time skilled employment.
- (g) Participants shall receive any additional support needed to facilitate participation in the training program within reasonable parameters established by the department of career development including, but not limited to, both of the following:
  - (i) Child day care, including evening or nighttime care if appropriate.
  - (ii) Transportation.
- (h) Eligible family independence program recipients and work first clients who commence training will be allowed to complete training, as long as all program participation requirements are being met.
- (2) It is the intent of this section that all program participants satisfy the state work requirements.

# Federal work participation requirements; use of training/education hours to meet requirement.

Sec. 630. (1) The department and the department of career development shall continue to collaborate on refining and making available to work first participants clear joint guidelines on the eligibility of participants for postemployment training support and on how training/education hours can be applied toward federal work participation requirements. These guidelines shall balance the ability of participants to obtain training and subsequent long-term, high-wage employment with the need to connect participants with the workplace. Any and all training/education, with the exception of high school completion and GED preparation, must be occupationally relevant and in demand in the labor market as determined by the workforce development board. Participants must make satisfactory progress while in training/education. The department shall submit a progress report on these continuing efforts to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees with jurisdiction over the department and over the department of career development and to the house and senate fiscal agencies by October 1, 2000.

- (2) Work first participants may meet the work participation requirement by combining a minimum of 10 hours per week of work with training/education. Training/education may last up to 12 months and the calculated hours may include actual classroom seat time up to 10 hours per week plus up to 1 hour of study time for each hour of classroom seat time. The combined work and training/education hours must equal the minimum number of hours required to meet the federal work participation requirements, 30 hours per week for a single parent, 35 hours per week for 2-parent families (55 hours if utilizing federally funded day care), and 20 hours per week for single parents with a child under the age of 6. Work first participants may enroll in additional hours of classroom seat time beyond 10 hours. However, these hours and the related study time will not count toward the work participation requirements. The training may be no longer than a 1-year program, or the final year of a 2- or 4-year undergraduate program which is designed to lead to immediate labor force attachment.
- (3) Work first participants may meet the federal work participation requirement through enrollment in a short-term vocational program requiring 30 hours of classroom seat time per week for a period not to exceed 6 months, or by enrollment in full-time internships, practicums, or clinicals required by an academic or training institution for licensure, professional certification, or degree completion, without additional work requirements. Two-parent families who receive federally funded day care must work an additional 25 hours per week to meet the federal work participation requirement. In cases

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where a short-term vocational program lasts less than 6 months, the participant shall be eligible to enroll in 1 additional short-term vocational program for a combined period not to exceed a total of 6 months.

- (4) Work first participants who lack a high school diploma or GED and who enroll in high school completion or classes to obtain a GED may count up to 10 hours of classroom seat time, combined with a minimum number of hours of work per week, to meet their federal work participation requirement. There shall be no time limit on high school completion. GED preparation shall be limited to 6 months.
- (5) The department and the department of career development shall develop a procedure to ensure that the guidelines established under this section are effectively communicated to all possible participants of the postemployment training and education program, including the provision of outreach activities in community colleges.

#### Policies and procedures.

Sec. 631. The department shall maintain policies and procedures to achieve all of the following:

- (a) The identification of individuals on entry into the system who have a history of domestic violence, while maintaining the confidentiality of that information.
  - (b) Referral of persons so identified to counseling and supportive services.
- (c) In accordance with a determination of good cause, the waiving of certain requirements of family independence programs where compliance with those requirements would make it more difficult for the individual to escape domestic violence or would unfairly penalize individuals who have been victims of domestic violence or who are at risk of further domestic violence.

# Calculation of food stamp allotment under certain conditions.

Sec. 632. The department shall calculate the food stamp allotment for applicants who are United States citizens and who live in a household with legal immigrants in a manner that maximizes the food stamps available to these United States citizens under federal law.

### Accessibility to quality child day care.

Sec. 633. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care services, the department may establish a \$9,135,800.00 accessibility incentive pool to increase the accessibility to quality child day care, especially care for children between birth and 2-1/2 years of age. The state may utilize the funds appropriated in this pool to implement 1 or more of the recommendations in the department's child day care report and/or 1 or more of the following:

- (a) Provide 1-time accessibility incentive grants to child day care providers whose enrollment for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 includes children whose care is subsidized by the department, that have family independence agency subsidized children in care, and that provide documentation of the children enrolled. Incentive grants shall also be awarded to providers who create new spaces for children with special needs, children under 2-1/2 years of age, children whose care is subsidized by the department, and children who are in need of weekend or evening care.
- (b) Provide outreach activities and technical assistance to businesses interested in providing licensed child day care services to their employees.
- (c) Provide start-up grants to businesses and individuals interested in establishing licensed child day care services. In order to receive these grants, the businesses and

individuals must commit in writing to the family independence agency department that they will maintain a clientele for at least the next 2 years, 25% of which falls below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Failure to document this shall result in being required to repay the grant award in full. In order to receive the grants, individuals and businesses must provide a match of \$2.00 for each \$1.00 received. Priority for grants under this subdivision shall be given to businesses and individuals that commit to providing child day care services to children in need of evening and weekend care, children with special needs, or children under 2-1/2 years of age.

(d) Provide 1-time grants to businesses, individuals, and schools that provide child day care services for the purpose of capital improvements or quality enhancements to the child day care facilities.

# Parenting skills and career development pilot program; report.

- Sec. 634. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the family independence program, the family independence agency shall expend up to \$250,000.00 to develop and fund a parenting skills and career development pilot program that meets all of the following criteria:
- (a) Identification of single parents eligible for cash assistance having children up to 3 years old.
- (b) Referral of persons identified under subdivision (a) to a local collaborative program responsible for the development and supervision of a comprehensive parenting skills and career development plan for each referred client.
- (c) Each referred client shall participate in 20 hours a week of parenting skills training that is a formal professional program with either a trainer or facilitator and career development activities as detailed in his or her comprehensive plan and monitored by the local collaborative program.
- (d) Participation in the above activities for the hours specified would satisfy cash assistance work requirements.
- (e) The program must not place the state of Michigan in violation of work requirements as defined in the federal personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193.
- (2) The local collaborative program shall provide the department with a report not later than September 30, 2001 that includes all of the following:
  - (a) The number of participants served.
  - (b) The family size of participants served.
  - (c) Participants' rate of compliance with their comprehensive plans.
- (d) The number of participants attending postsecondary education or vocational training programs.
  - (e) Parenting skills training outcomes.
  - (f) The number of participants working at the time the report is completed.
  - (g) The average cost per participant of the program.
  - (h) Any other information that the department considers relevant.

# Listing of provider on child abuse and neglect central registry; determination; denial.

Sec. 635. Within 6 business days of receiving all information necessary to process an application for payments for child day care, the family independence agency shall

determine whether the child day care provider to whom the payments, if approved, would be made, is listed on the child abuse and neglect central registry. If the provider is listed on the central registry, the family independence agency shall immediately send written notice denying the applicant's request for child day care payments.

# Late payments to child care providers.

Sec. 636. The department shall submit a report to the house and senate appropriations committees and the house and senate standing committees having jurisdiction over human services matters by March 1, 2001 on the subject of late payments to child day care providers for the year of 2000. The report shall include the reasons for any late payments made to providers.

# Full-day Michigan school readiness or head start programs; use of TANF funds.

Sec. 638. The department may transfer TANF funds to the department of education to be used in conjunction with school aid or other sources of available funds to support full-day Michigan school readiness programs or head start programs.

Sec. 639. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care services, the family independence agency shall expend at least \$1,250,000.00 to develop and fund a TEACH pilot program that meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) Implementation of the pilot program in at least 2 urban and 2 rural areas utilizing the TEACH model developed in North Carolina.
  - (b) Development of educational standards for TEACH provider incentives.
  - (c) Development of advertisement and management systems.
- (2) Participating pilot areas referenced in subsection (1) shall provide the department with a report not later than September 30, 2001 that includes all of the following:
  - (a) A detailed program implementation description.
  - (b) The number of providers served.
  - (c) The number of training hours completed.
  - (d) The number of participating centers.
  - (e) The average cost per participant of the program.
  - (f) Any other information that the department considers relevant.
- (3) The department may partner with the Michigan 4C association and local community colleges to accomplish the requirements under this section.
- (4) The department shall grant priorities in funding to contractors who secure at least 10% in matching funds. The matching funds may either be fulfilled through local, state, or federal funds, or through in-kind or other donations.
- (5) In order to receive TANF funds, the pilot program shall be structured to meet day care quality objectives established under the child care development fund program administered by the United States department of health and human services.

# Child day care providers; expenditure for rate increase.

Sec. 640. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care services, the family independence agency shall expend up to \$16,740,000.00 to provide a rate increase based on

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the levels recommended in the market rate survey conducted in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 to child day care providers serving children from 0 to 2-1/2 years of age. It is the intent of the legislature that TANF funds are to be expended for the provision of the rate increase. These TANF funds may not be available after the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. This funding is a 1-time only appropriation.

Sec. 641. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for day care services, while maintaining the current minimum level for the 30% payment category, the family independence agency shall expend up to \$5,100,000.00 to expand eligibility for reimbursement at 30% of the agency's maximum payment category to families at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines depending on family size. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.

# Homeless shelters; use of TANF funds to increase reimbursement rate.

Sec. 643. It is the intent of the legislature that an additional \$3,000,000.00 in TANF funds shall be used to increase the reimbursement rate to shelters by \$3.00 to \$13.00 per day. As a condition of receipt of federal TANF funds, homeless shelters shall collaborate with the family independence agency to obtain necessary TANF eligibility information on families as soon as possible after admitting a family to the homeless shelter. From the funds appropriated in section 109 for homeless shelters within state emergency relief, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.

# Non-energy-related home repairs; increase lifetime limit.

Sec. 644. Effective October 1, 2000, from the funds in section 109, the department shall increase the lifetime limit for non-energy-related home repairs to \$1,750.00.

# Consideration as homeless to escape domestic violence; eligibility for state emergency relief.

Sec. 645. An individual or family is considered homeless, for purposes of eligibility for state emergency relief, if living temporarily with others in order to escape domestic violence. For purposes of this section, domestic violence is defined and verified in the same manner as in the family independence agency's policies on good cause for not cooperating with child support and paternity requirements.

# Homestead property tax credits for low-income families; limitation on expenditure of TANF funding.

Sec. 646. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall not expend more than \$27,000,000.00 of federal TANF funding for payment of homestead property tax credits for low-income families.

#### Assistance payments beyond federal time limit; condition.

Sec. 648. From the funds appropriated in section 109 for assistance payments, the department shall continue to make assistance payments to recipients beyond the federal 5-year limit set under the personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105, providing the recipient is complying with

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asset, income, and participation standards set as a condition of eligibility to receive assistance.

Sec. 649. From the funds appropriated in part 1, up to \$112,500.00 may be utilized by the family independence agency to contract with Saginaw service career paths, a program under development in Saginaw to assist low-income persons in developing their economic potential by combining mentoring and training with actual work experience.

# Pursuit of child support collections and arrearages.

Sec. 652. The department shall work in collaboration with each office of the friend of the court to aggressively pursue equally child support collections and arrearages on all support orders for children who are either recipients of family independence program benefits or nonrecipients of family independence program benefits.

# Exemption of domestic violence victim from food stamp limit; extension.

Sec. 653. From the funds appropriated in section 109 for food stamps, an individual who is the victim of domestic violence and does not qualify for any other exemption may be exempt from the 3-month in 36-month limit on receiving food stamps under section 6(o)(6) of the food stamp act of 1977, Public Law 88-525, 7 U.S.C. 2015. This exemption can be extended an additional 3 months upon demonstration of continuing need.

# Surrendering newborns to emergency service provider; pamphlets and information.

Sec. 654. From the funds appropriated in section 104, the family independence agency shall expend \$100,000.00 for developing and distributing pamphlets and other forms of public service information regarding procedures for individuals who surrender their newborns to an emergency service provider. The provisions of this section are contingent upon enactment of legislation with respect to the safe delivery act.

# Child protective services; additional FTEs.

Sec. 655. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may add up to 6 new FTEs to work in the area of child protective services or may utilize funding in the area of child protective services for other safety initiatives.

# Air-conditioning unit or equipment; conditions.

Sec. 656. Funds appropriated under this act shall not be used to pay for the purchase, installation, repair, or maintenance of any air-conditioning unit or equipment unless either of the following conditions is met:

- (a) The recipient requesting the payment provides to the department a certificate from a physician stating that the air-conditioning is medically required.
  - (b) The recipient is 55 years of age or older.

#### Before- or after-school programs.

Sec. 657. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to offer quality before- or after-school programs that provide youth with a safe, engaging environment to motivate and inspire learning outside the traditional classroom setting. Before-school programs are limited to elementary school-aged children. Effective before- or after-school programs combine academic, enrichment, and recreation activities to guide learning and inspire children and

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youth in various activities. The before- or after-school programs can meet the needs of the communities served by the programs.

- (2) The department shall work in collaboration with independent contractors to put into practice a pilot program establishing quality before- or after-school programs for school-aged children in kindergarten to ninth grades. In order for an independent contractor to receive TANF funds, a child served must be a member of a family with an income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services.
- (3) The department shall allocate through grants or contracts up to \$16,000,000.00 in TANF funds for pilot programs. A county shall receive no more than 20% of the funds appropriated in part 1 for this program. From the funds appropriated in section 109 for before- or after-school pilot programs within day care services, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.
- (4) The before- or after-school pilot programs shall include, at a minimum, at least 3 of the following topics:
  - (a) Pregnancy prevention.
  - (b) Chemical abuse and dependency including nonmedical services.
  - (c) Gang violence prevention.
  - (d) Academic assistance, including assistance with reading and writing.
  - (e) Preparation toward future self-sufficiency.
  - (f) Leadership development.
  - (g) Case management or mentoring.
  - (h) Parental involvement.
  - (i) Anger management.
- (5) The department may enter into contracts with independent contractors including, but not limited to, faith-based organizations, boys or girls clubs, schools, or nonprofit organizations. The department shall grant priority in funding independent contractors who secure at least 10% in matching funds. The matching funds may either be fulfilled through local, state, or federal funds, or through in-kind or other donations. An independent contractor who cannot fulfill the match described in this subsection shall not be excluded from applying for a before- or after-school program contract.
- (6) A referral to a pilot program may be made by, but is not limited to, any of the following: a teacher; counselor; parent; police officer; judge; or social worker.
- (7) By August 30, 2001, the department before- or after-school pilot program expenditures shall be audited and the department shall work in collaboration with independent contractors to provide a report on the before- or after-school pilot program to the senate and house standing committees dealing with human services, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees for the family independence agency budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies. The report shall include the number of participants and the average cost per participant, as well as changes noted in program participants in any of the following categories:
  - (a) Juvenile crime.
  - (b) Aggressive behavior.
  - (c) Academic achievement.

- (d) Development of new skills and interests.
- (e) School attendance and dropout rates.
- (f) Behavioral changes in school.

# Requirements for recipient with child under 6 years.

Sec. 659. For the purpose of the family independence program eligibility, a recipient with a child under 6 years of age must meet work first participation requirements unless child care is not available and that fact is verified by the family independence program caseworker.

# Food bank council activities; use of TANF funds.

Sec. 660. From the funds appropriated in section 109 for food bank council activities within state emergency relief, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF funds only to the agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements. The use of TANF funds under this section should not be considered an ongoing commitment of funding.

# Transitional work support program.

Sec. 661. From the funds appropriated in part 1 in section 109 for transitional work support, the department shall expend up to \$15,000,000.00 in general fund/general purpose funds to develop and fund a transitional work support program. The department shall provide the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget with a report not later than September 30, 2001 that includes all of the following:

- (a) The number of participants served.
- (b) The average cost per program participant.
- (c) Any other information that the department considers relevant.

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

### Juvenile accountability incentive block grant; use.

Sec. 701. The department shall expend a portion of the federal juvenile accountability incentive block grant to support the boot camp program. The remainder of the state allocation of the juvenile accountability incentive block grant shall be used to provide funding to enable juvenile courts, juvenile probation offices, and community-based programs to be more effective and efficient in holding juvenile offenders accountable and reducing recidivism, treating substance abuse problems, and developing community-based alternatives for female offenders and the following:

- (a) To better address gang, drug, and youth violence.
- (b) For training, equipment, and technology.
- (c) For the establishment of programs that protect students and school personnel from drug, gang, and youth violence.

### **Expansion of facilities; public hearing.**

Sec. 702. Expansion of facilities funded under section 105 for juvenile justice services shall not be authorized by the joint capital outlay subcommittee of the appropriations committees until the department has held a public hearing in the community where the facility proposed to be expanded is located.

# Allowing juvenile to leave state operated maximum security program prohibited; exceptions.

Sec. 703. A juvenile adjudicated and placed in a state operated maximum security program funded under section 105 for juvenile justice services shall not be allowed to leave the property of the maximum security facility at which the program is located except when required to leave the property for medical treatment, court appearances, or other good cause approved by the facility director. For purposes of this section, "juvenile" means that term as defined in section 115n of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.115n.

### Location of new facilities.

Sec. 704. New facilities funded under section 105 for juvenile justice services shall not be located within 1,500 feet of property in use for a K-12 educational program.

# Report on W.J. Maxey facility.

Sec. 705. (1) The department shall report on the W.J. Maxey facility to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the family independence agency budget as part of their annual budget presentation. The report shall include the following:

- (a) Population reintegration goals for juvenile justice wards including, but not limited to, the categorization of positive outcomes and recidivism by age and incarceration type.
- (b) Facility media policy to ensure reinforcement and consistency with treatment plans and desired ward outcomes.
  - (c) Staff and resident safety.
- (d) Outcome based service and treatment program plan for wards who are sex offenders or substance abusers.
- (e) Facility procedure following traumatic campus occurrences such as, but not limited to, violent and sexual assaults.
  - (f) Progress of facility construction including, but not limited to:
  - (i) Scope and cost of the construction contract.
  - (ii) Construction schedule.
  - (iii) Radio and security system warranties.
  - (g) Quality control process for resident service and release plans.
- (2) The department shall ensure that all juveniles coming into care receive an assessment which includes a review of dysfunctional behavior in adolescents. In addition, the department shall ensure that all treatment addresses:
  - (a) Dysfunctional family practices, such as substance abuse and domestic violence.
  - (b) Sexual harassment and gender bias.
  - (c) Cultural and ethnic sensitivity.

#### DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

# Medical disability retirement; determination.

Sec. 801. The family independence agency disability determination services in agreement with the department of management and budget office of retirement systems

will develop the medical information and determine eligibility of medical disability retirement for state employees, state police, judges, and school teachers.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect. Approved July 14, 2000. Filed with Secretary of State July 17, 2000.