

**SENATE BILL NO. 1020**

March 18, 1998, Introduced by Senators STILLE, BENNETT, STEIL, JAYE, CISKY, GOUGEON, BULLARD, DUNASKISS, HOFFMAN, GEAKE, GAST and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

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

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 57a. (1) The family independence agency shall estab-  
2 lish and administer the family independence program to provide  
3 assistance to families who are making efforts to achieve  
4 independence.

5       (2) The family independence agency shall administer the  
6 family independence program to accomplish all of the following:

7       (a) Provide financial support to eligible families while  
8 they pursue self-improvement activities and engage in efforts to  
9 become financially independent.

1 (b) Ensure that recipients who are minor parents live in  
2 adult-supervised households in order to reduce long-term  
3 dependency on financial assistance.

4 (c) Assist families in determining and overcoming the barri-  
5 ers preventing them from achieving financial independence.

6 (d) Ensure that families pursue other sources of support  
7 available to them.

8 (3) The family independence agency shall establish income  
9 and asset levels for eligibility, types of income and assets to  
10 be considered in making eligibility determinations, payment stan-  
11 dards, composition of the program group and the family indepen-  
12 dence assistance group, program budgeting and accounting methods,  
13 and client reporting requirements to meet the following goals:

14 (a) Efficient, fair, cost-effective administration of the  
15 family independence program.

16 (b) Provision of family independence assistance to families  
17 willing to work toward eventual self-sufficiency.

18 (4) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1999, THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE  
19 AGENCY SHALL IMPLEMENT AN AUTOMATED FINGER IMAGING SYSTEM  
20 DESIGNED TO PREVENT A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL FROM RECEIVING TEMPORARY  
21 AID TO NEEDY FAMILIES, FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE, FOOD  
22 STAMPS, AND SIMILAR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS UNDER MORE THAN 1  
23 NAME. BEGINNING AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT  
24 ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR THE BENEFITS  
25 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION MUST PROVIDE THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE  
26 AGENCY WITH AN AUTOMATED FINGER IMAGE AS A CONDITION OF  
27 ELIGIBILITY.

1           (5) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES  
2 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL  
3 24.201 TO 24.328, ESTABLISHING THE SYSTEM THAT, AT A MINIMUM,  
4 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

5           (A) CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE AUTOMATED FINGER IMAGE RECORDS  
6 TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

7           (B) A SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF ANY MATTER RELAT-  
8 ING TO THE TAKING OR VERIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S AUTOMATED  
9 FINGER IMAGE.