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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senator Hardiman

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1501

AN ACT to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 57 (MCL 400.57), as added by 1995 PA 223, and by adding sections 57p and 57s.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 57. (1) As used in this section and sections 57a to 57u:

(a) "Adult-supervised household" means either of the following:

(i) The place of residence of a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of a minor parent.

(ii) A living arrangement not described in subparagraph (i) that the department approves as a family setting that provides care and control of a minor parent and his or her child and supportive services including, but not limited to, counseling, guidance, or supervision.

(b) "Caretaker" means an individual who is acting as parent for a child in the absence or because of the disability of the child's parent or stepparent and who is the child's legal guardian, grandparent, great grandparent, great-great grandparent, sibling, stepsibling, aunt, great aunt, great-great aunt, uncle, great uncle, great-great uncle, nephew, niece, first cousin, or first cousin once-removed, a spouse of any person listed above, a parent of the putative father, or an unrelated individual aged 21 or older whose appointment as legal guardian of the child is pending.

(c) "Child" means an individual who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, who lives with a parent or caretaker, and who is either of the following:

(i) Under the age of 18.

(ii) Age 18 or 19, a full-time high school student, and reasonably expected to graduate from high school before the age of 20.

(d) "Family" means 1 or more of the following:

(i) A household consisting of a child and either of the following:

(A) A parent or stepparent of the child.

(B) A caretaker of the child.

(ii) A pregnant woman.

(iii) A parent of a child in foster care.

(e) "Family independence assistance" means financial assistance provided to a family under the family independence program.

(f) "Family independence assistance group" means all those members of a program group who receive family independence assistance.

(g) "Family independence program" means the program of financial assistance established under section 57a.

(h) "Family self-sufficiency plan" means a document described in section 57e that is executed by a family in return for receiving family independence assistance.

(i) "Minor parent" means an individual under the age of 18 who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, and who is either the biological parent of a child living in the same household or a pregnant woman.

(j) "Payment standard" means the standard upon which family independence program benefits are based if the family independence assistance group has no net income.

(k) "Program group" means a family and all those individuals living with a family whose income and assets are considered for purposes of determining financial eligibility for family independence assistance.

(l) "Recipient" means an individual receiving family independence assistance.

(m) "Substance abuse" means that term as defined in section 6107 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6107.

(n) "Substance abuse treatment" means outpatient or inpatient services or participation in alcoholics anonymous or a similar program.

(o) "Supplemental security income" means the program of supplemental security income provided under title XVI.

(p) "Work first" means the program of employment and training administered by the department of labor and economic growth for applicants and recipients of family independence assistance.

(2) A reference in this act to "aid to dependent children" or "aid to families with dependent children" means "family independence program assistance".

Sec. 57p. (1) Beginning April 1, 2007, any month in which any of the following occur shall not be counted toward the cumulative total of 48 months in a lifetime for family independence assistance:

(a) The recipient has been temporarily exempted from work first under section 57f(3)(g) and (4).

(b) The recipient is employed and meeting the requirements of his or her family self-sufficiency plan.

(c) The unemployment rate in the county in which the recipient resides is 25% above the state average for unemployment.

(d) Compliance with certain family independence program requirements are waived under section 56i(1)(c).

(2) This section does not apply after September 30, 2011.

Sec. 57s. The department shall pay \$10.00 per month for 6 months to individuals who leave family independence programs due to no longer meeting the financial eligibility criteria based on earned income, if those individuals continue to meet the federal guidelines for work participation.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 1500.

(b) House Bill No. 6580.

(c) House Bill No. 6587.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor