

# HOUSE BILL No. 4811

May 21, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Brater, Schauer, Anthony, DeHart, LaForge, Cherry, Varga, Mans, Parks, Thomas and Scranton and referred to the Committee on Human Services and Children.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 56i.

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

1        SEC. 56I. (1) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY SHALL ESTAB-  
2 LISH AND ENFORCE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES TO DO ALL OF THE  
3 FOLLOWING:

4        (A) SCREEN AND IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING  
5 ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 57B WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIO-  
6 LENCE, WHILE MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THAT  
7 INFORMATION.

8        (B) REFER THOSE INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBDIVISION (A)  
9 TO COUNSELING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

10       (C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DETERMINATION OF GOOD CAUSE, WAIVE  
11 CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

1 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 57A IN CASES WHERE COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE  
2 REQUIREMENTS WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIV-  
3 ING ASSISTANCE TO ESCAPE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR WOULD UNFAIRLY  
4 PENALIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY DOMESTIC  
5 VIOLENCE OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK OF FURTHER DOMESTIC  
6 VIOLENCE.

7       (2) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
8 STATE PLAN REQUIRED FOR FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY  
9 FAMILIES BLOCK GRANTS A CERTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNOR THAT THE  
10 STATE HAS ESTABLISHED AND IS ENFORCING THE STANDARDS AND PROCE-  
11 DURES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1).