

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5439

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
by amending section 57b (MCL 400.57b), as amended by 1999 PA 9.

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

1       Sec. 57b. (1) Subject to section 57l, an individual who meets  
2 all of the following requirements is eligible for family  
3 independence assistance:

4       (a) Is a member of a family or a family independence  
5 assistance group.

6       (b) Is a member of a program group whose income and assets  
7 are less than the income and asset limits set by the ~~family~~  
8 ~~independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT**.

9       (c) In the case of a minor parent, meets the requirements of  
10 subsection (2).

11       (d) Is a United States citizen, a permanent resident alien,

1 or a refugee.

2 (e) Is a resident of this state as described in section 32.

3 (f) Meets any other eligibility criterion required for the  
4 receipt of federal or state funds or determined by the ~~family~~  
5 ~~independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT** to be necessary for the  
6 accomplishment of the goals of the family independence program.

7 (2) A minor parent and the minor parent's child shall not  
8 receive family independence assistance unless they live in an  
9 adult-supervised household. The family independence assistance  
10 shall be paid on behalf of the minor parent and child to an adult  
11 in the adult-supervised household. Child care in conjunction with  
12 participation in education, employment readiness, training, or  
13 employment programs, ~~which~~ **THAT** have been approved by the  
14 ~~family independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT**, shall be provided for the  
15 minor parent's child. The minor parent and child shall live with  
16 the minor parent's parent, stepparent, or legal guardian unless  
17 the ~~family independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT** determines that there  
18 is good cause for not requiring the minor parent and child to  
19 live with a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian. The ~~family~~  
20 ~~independence agency~~ **DEPARTMENT** shall determine the circumstances  
21 that constitute good cause, based on a parent's, stepparent's, or  
22 guardian's unavailability or unwillingness or based on a  
23 reasonable belief that there is physical, sexual, or substance  
24 abuse, or domestic violence, occurring in the household, or that  
25 there is other risk to the physical or emotional health or safety  
26 of the minor parent or child. If the ~~family independence agency~~  
27 **DEPARTMENT** determines that there is good cause for not requiring

a minor parent to live with a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian, the minor parent and child shall live in another adult-supervised household. A local office director may waive the requirement set forth in this subsection with respect to a minor parent who is at least 17 years of age, attending secondary school full-time, and participating in a **DEPARTMENT** service plan ~~of the family independence agency~~ or a teen parenting program, if moving would require the minor parent to change schools.

(3) IN DETERMINING A PROGRAM GROUP'S FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE MONTHLY PAYMENT STANDARD, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IN ITS CALCULATION OF THE PAYMENT STANDARD THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OR SHELTER AREA IN WHICH THE PROGRAM GROUP RESIDES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ADJUST A PROGRAM GROUP'S FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE PAYMENT STANDARD BASED ON WHETHER A RECIPIENT IS EXEMPT FROM WORK FIRST REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 57F.

(4) THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE MONTHLY PAYMENT STANDARD FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH ONLY THE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ARE COUNTED IN DETERMINING FAMILY SIZE, OR IF THE GRANTEE IS RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, SHALL BE PAID AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT PER FAMILY SIZE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

FAMILY SIZE	GRANT LEVEL
1	\$137.00
2	\$266.00
3	\$411.00

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1	4	\$548.00
2	5	\$704.00
3	6	\$843.00
4	7	\$925.00

5 (5) FOR ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FAMILY  
 6 INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE, THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE  
 7 MONTHLY PAYMENT STANDARD SHALL BE PAID AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
 8 THE AMOUNT PER FAMILY SIZE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

9	FAMILY SIZE	GRANT LEVEL
10	1	\$290.00
11	2	\$386.00
12	3	\$474.00
13	4	\$578.00
14	5	\$674.00
15	6	\$807.00
16	7	\$883.00
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18 (6) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE PAYMENT STANDARD  
 19 UNDER SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5), FOR A FAMILY OF 8 OR MORE, THE  
 20 PAYMENT STANDARD IS INCREASED BY \$79.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL  
 21 FAMILY MEMBER OVER 7.

22 (7) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT  
 23 ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST RECIPIENTS WITH THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING  
 24 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME.

[Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
 unless House Bill No. 5441 of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.]