

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5443

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57n.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 57N. (1) A WORK FIRST PARTICIPANT MAY MEET THE WORK FIRST
2 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT BY PARTICIPATING IN A COMPREHENSIVE BASIC
3 EDUCATION OR JOB SKILLS PROGRAM FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 HOURS PER WEEK.
4 PARTICIPATION IN A PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED A
5 PERIOD LONGER THAN 180 DAYS.

6 (2) A WORK FIRST PARTICIPANT WHO HAS NOT EARNED A HIGH SCHOOL
7 DIPLOMA OR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT
8 (GED) TEST SHALL ENROLL IN A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)
9 PREPARATION COURSE AND MAY COUNT UP TO 10 HOURS EACH WEEK IN

1 ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) PREPARATION
2 COURSE TOWARD HIS OR HER WORK FIRST PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR A
3 PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN 180 DAYS.

4 (3) A WORK FIRST PARTICIPANT WHO HAS A READING PROFICIENCY AT
5 THE EIGHTH GRADE LEVEL OR LOWER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN A FAST TRACK
6 LITERACY PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS. PARTICIPATION
7 IN A FAST-TRACK LITERACY PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
8 SHALL COUNT TOWARD THE PARTICIPANT'S WORK FIRST WORK REQUIREMENT.

9 (4) UPON APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK FIRST PROGRAM,
10 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ACCEPTED INTO A 2-YEAR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
11 PROGRAM OR WHO HAS COMPLETED 2 YEARS OF A 4-YEAR POSTSECONDARY
12 EDUCATION PROGRAM MAY ATTEND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR 4-YEAR
13 UNIVERSITY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 24 MONTHS. AN INDIVIDUAL
14 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MAINTAIN A 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE OR
15 HIGHER AND SHALL MAINTAIN A 90% ATTENDANCE RECORD IN CLASSROOM
16 ACTIVITY. AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL WORK 20 HOURS
17 EACH WEEK WHILE ATTENDING A PROGRAM DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
18 TO MEET THE WORK FIRST PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.

19 (5) EACH LOCAL WORK FIRST PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO
20 THE LEGISLATURE THAT INCLUDES, AT A MINIMUM, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 (A) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
22 ACHIEVING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS.

23 (B) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
24 PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT.

25 (C) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
26 PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT WHO REMAIN EMPLOYED FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS
27 OR MORE.

1 (D) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS WHOSE
2 CASES ARE CLOSED DUE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

3 (E) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
4 ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WITH INFORMATION
5 ON THE DEGREE PROGRAMS ENROLLED IN AND THE LOCAL WORK FIRST
6 PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS' GRADUATION RATE.

7 (F) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
8 PARTICIPATING IN A FAST TRACK LITERACY PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL WORK
9 FIRST PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS' SUCCESS RATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

10 (G) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
11 PARTICIPATING IN A HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM OR A GENERAL
12 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL WORK FIRST
13 PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS' GRADUATION RATE.

14 (6) FUNDING PROVIDED TO WORK FIRST PROGRAMS OR PROVIDERS
15 CONTRACTED TO ADMINISTER WORK FIRST PROGRAMS SHALL BE BASED ON THE
16 SUCCESS RATE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

17 (A) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
18 ACHIEVING THE GOALS STATED IN THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

19 (B) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS
20 PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 180
21 DAYS OR MORE.

22 (C) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST CASES CLOSED BY
23 EACH LOCAL MICHIGAN WORKS AGENCY DUE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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

27 (a) House Bill No. 5438.

- 1 (b) House Bill No. 5439.
- 2 (c) House Bill No. 5440.
- 3 (d) House Bill No. 5441.
- 4 (e) House Bill No. 5442.
- 5 (f) House Bill No. 5444.
- 6 (g) House Bill No. 5445.
- 7 (h) House Bill No. 5446.