

# HOUSE BILL No. 5749

June 14, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Olumba and referred to the Committee on Families,  
Children, and Seniors.

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

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 56J. (1) WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL APPLIES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER  
2        THIS ACT, IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD, THE INDIVIDUAL  
3        SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE CHILD IS ENROLLED IN AND  
4        ATTENDING SCHOOL AND HAS AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 80%  
5        FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING ILLNESS- OR INJURY-  
6        RELATED ABSENCES. THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME, THE  
7        NAME OF THE SCHOOL THE CHILD ATTENDS, AND THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL  
8        DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

9        (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE CONSENT TO RELEASE THE CHILD'S

1 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF  
2 ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT.

3 (3) AS PART OF THE ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS, WHEN AN  
4 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD APPLIES FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER  
5 THIS ACT OR FOR RENEWAL OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL VERIFY WITH THE SCHOOL THAT THE CHILD LISTED ON  
7 THE AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING  
8 THE SCHOOL AND HAS AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 80% FOR THE  
9 CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING ILLNESS- OR INJURY-RELATED  
10 ABSENCES.

11 (4) WHEN THE RECIPIENT'S SCHOOL-AGED CHILD IS IN COMPLIANCE  
12 WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF  
13 NOT LESS THAN 80% FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING  
14 ILLNESS- OR INJURY-RELATED ABSENCES, THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR  
15 ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT IF ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE  
16 MET.

17 (5) AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS  
18 ACT, IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A SCHOOL-AGED CHILD ATTENDING SCHOOL  
19 OUTSIDE OF THE HOME, THAT INDIVIDUAL MUST ATTEND NOT FEWER THAN 1  
20 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH HE OR SHE  
21 RECEIVES ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT.