

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4410

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
by amending section 57f (MCL 400.57f), as amended by 2006 PA 468.

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

1           Sec. 57f. (1) The department shall enter into an agreement  
2 with the ~~department of labor and economic growth~~ **MICHIGAN ECONOMIC**  
3 **DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OR A SUCCESSOR ENTITY** to facilitate the  
4 administration of ~~work first~~ **THE JET PROGRAM**. The department shall  
5 make information on the program available to the legislature.

6           (2) Except as provided in section 57b, at the time the  
7 department determines that an individual is eligible to receive  
8 family independence **PROGRAM** assistance under this act, the  
9 department shall determine whether that individual is eligible to  
10 participate in the ~~work first~~ **JET** program or if the individual is  
11 exempt from ~~work first~~ **JET PROGRAM** participation under this

1 section. The particular activities in which the recipient is  
2 required or authorized to participate, the number of hours of work  
3 required, and other details of work first shall be developed by the  
4 department and the ~~department of labor and economic growth~~ **MICHIGAN**  
5 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OR A SUCCESSOR ENTITY** and shall be  
6 set forth in the recipient's family self-sufficiency plan. If a  
7 recipient has cooperated with ~~work first~~ **THE JET PROGRAM**, the  
8 recipient may enroll in a program approved by the local workforce  
9 development board. Any and all training or education with the  
10 exception of high school completion, GED preparation, and literacy  
11 training must be occupationally relevant and in demand in the labor  
12 market as determined by the local workforce development board and  
13 may be no more than 2 years in duration. Participants must make  
14 satisfactory progress while in training or education.

15 (3) The following individuals are exempt from participation in  
16 ~~work first~~ **THE JET PROGRAM**:

17 ~~—— (a) A child under the age of 16.~~

18 ~~—— (b) A child aged 16 or older, or a minor parent, who is~~  
19 ~~attending elementary or secondary school full time.~~

20 ~~—— (c) The parent of a child under the age of 3 months. The~~  
21 ~~family independence agency may require a parent exempted from~~  
22 ~~participation in work first under this subdivision to participate~~  
23 ~~in family services, including, but not limited to, instruction in~~  
24 ~~parenting, nutrition, and child development beginning 6 weeks after~~  
25 ~~the birth of his or her child until the child is 3 months old as~~  
26 ~~fulfillment of that parent's social contract obligation under~~  
27 ~~section 57e(1)(c).~~

1 ~~—— (d) An individual aged 65 or older.~~

2 ~~—— (e) A recipient of supplemental security income.~~

3 ~~—— (f) An individual who meets 1 or more of the following~~  
4 ~~criteria to the extent that the individual, based on medical~~  
5 ~~evidence and an assessment of need by the department, is severely~~  
6 ~~restricted in his or her ability to participate in employment or~~  
7 ~~training activities:~~

8 ~~—— (i) A recipient of social security disability, or medical~~  
9 ~~assistance due to disability or blindness.~~

10 ~~—— (ii) An individual suffering from a physical or mental~~  
11 ~~impairment that meets federal supplemental security income~~  
12 ~~disability standards, except that no minimum duration is required.~~

13 ~~—— (iii) The spouse of an individual described in subparagraph (i)~~  
14 ~~or (ii) who is the full-time caregiver of that individual.~~

15 ~~—— (iv) A parent or caretaker of a child who is suffering from a~~  
16 ~~physical or mental impairment that meets the federal supplemental~~  
17 ~~security income disability standards, except that no minimum~~  
18 ~~duration is required.~~

19 ~~—— (g) Beginning April 1, 2007, the parent of a child under the~~  
20 ~~age of 3 months. The department may require a parent exempted from~~  
21 ~~participation in work first under this subdivision to participate~~  
22 ~~in family services, including, but not limited to, instruction in~~  
23 ~~parenting, nutrition, and child development beginning 6 weeks after~~  
24 ~~the birth of his or her child until the child is 3 months old as~~  
25 ~~fulfillment of that recipient's family self-sufficiency plan~~  
26 ~~obligation under section 57e(1)(c).~~

27 ~~—— (h) Beginning April 1, 2007, a recipient of supplemental~~

1 ~~security income.~~

2 ~~—— (i) Beginning April 1, 2007, an individual who meets 1 or more~~  
3 ~~of the following criteria to the extent that the individual, based~~  
4 ~~on medical evidence and an assessment of need by the department, is~~  
5 ~~severely restricted in his or her ability to participate in~~  
6 ~~employment or training activities:~~

7 ~~—— (i) A recipient of social security disability, or medical~~  
8 ~~assistance due to disability or blindness.~~

9 ~~—— (ii) An individual suffering from a physical or mental~~  
10 ~~impairment that meets federal supplemental security income~~  
11 ~~disability standards, except that no minimum duration is required.~~

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13 ~~or (ii) who is the full time caregiver of that individual.~~

14 ~~—— (iv) A parent or caretaker of a child who is suffering from a~~  
15 ~~physical or mental impairment that meets the federal supplemental~~  
16 ~~security income disability standards, except that no minimum~~  
17 ~~duration is required.~~

18 ~~—— (v) An individual with low intellectual capacity or learning~~  
19 ~~disabilities that impede comprehension and prevent success in~~  
20 ~~acquiring basic reading, writing, and math skills, including, but~~  
21 ~~not limited to, an individual with an intelligence quotient less~~  
22 ~~than 80.~~

23 ~~—— (vi) An individual with documented chronic mental health~~  
24 ~~problems that cannot be controlled through treatment or medication.~~

25 ~~—— (vii) An individual with physical limitations on his or her~~  
26 ~~ability to perform routine manual labor tasks, including, but not~~  
27 ~~limited to, bending or lifting, combined with intellectual capacity~~

1 ~~or learning disabilities.~~

2 (A) A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 16.

3 (B) A CHILD AGE 16 TO 18 WHO IS ATTENDING ELEMENTARY OR  
4 SECONDARY SCHOOL FULL-TIME.

5 (C) A RECIPIENT WHO HAS MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION OF BEING  
6 DISABLED OR MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION OF AN INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN  
7 EMPLOYMENT OR THE JET PROGRAM FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS BECAUSE OF A  
8 MENTAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION.

9 (D) A RECIPIENT UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS DETERMINED BY THE  
10 MEDICAL REVIEW TEAM.

11 (E) A RECIPIENT AGED 65 OR OLDER.

12 (F) A RECIPIENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME.

13 (G) A RECIPIENT OF RETIREMENT, SURVIVOR, OR DISABILITY  
14 INSURANCE BASED ON DISABILITY OR BLINDNESS, OR A RECIPIENT FOUND  
15 ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT, SURVIVOR, OR DISABILITY INSURANCE BASED ON  
16 DISABILITY OR BLINDNESS WHO IS IN NONPAY STATUS.

17 (4) ~~In addition to those individuals exempt under subsection~~  
18 ~~(3), the~~ **THE** department may grant a temporary exemption from  
19 participation in ~~work first, not to exceed 90 days,~~ **THE JET PROGRAM**  
20 to ~~an~~ **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

21 (A) **AN** individual who is suffering from a documented short-  
22 term mental or physical illness, limitation, or disability that  
23 severely restricts his or her ability to participate in ~~employment~~  
24 ~~or training~~ **JET PROGRAM** activities. An individual with a documented  
25 mental or physical illness, limitation, or disability that does not  
26 severely restrict his or her ability to participate in ~~employment~~  
27 ~~or training activities~~ **THE JET PROGRAM** shall be required to

1 participate in ~~work first~~ THE JET PROGRAM at a medically  
2 permissible level. AN EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT  
3 EXCEED A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS WITHOUT A REVIEW BY A DEPARTMENT  
4 CASEWORKER.

5 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM CERTAIN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS HAVE  
6 BEEN WAIVED UNDER SECTION 56I. AN EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
7 SHALL NOT EXCEED A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS WITHOUT A REVIEW BY A  
8 DEPARTMENT CASEWORKER.

9 (C) A PARENT WITH A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 60 DAYS IF THAT  
10 CHILD IS IN THE HOME OR A MOTHER FOR POSTPARTUM RECOVERY UP TO 60  
11 DAYS AFTER GIVING BIRTH IF THAT CHILD IS NOT IN THE HOME.

12 (D) A PREGNANT RECIPIENT WHO, BASED ON MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION,  
13 IS SEVERELY RESTRICTED IN HER ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN JET PROGRAM  
14 ACTIVITIES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PREGNANCY.

15 (E) THE SPOUSE OF A RECIPIENT WHO IS VERIFIED AS DISABLED AND  
16 LIVING IN THE HOME WITH THE SPOUSE IF IT IS VERIFIED THAT THE  
17 SPOUSE IS NEEDED IN THE HOME FULL-TIME DUE TO THE EXTENT OF MEDICAL  
18 CARE REQUIRED. AN EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT EXCEED  
19 A PERIOD OF 365 DAYS WITHOUT A REVIEW BY A DEPARTMENT CASEWORKER.

20 (F) A PARENT OF A CHILD WHO IS VERIFIED AS DISABLED AND LIVING  
21 IN THE HOME WITH THE PARENT IF IT IS VERIFIED THAT THE PARENT IS  
22 NEEDED IN THE HOME DUE TO THE EXTENT OF MEDICAL CARE REQUIRED. IF  
23 THE CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL, THE PARENT MAY BE REFERRED TO THE JET  
24 PROGRAM WITH LIMITATIONS. AN EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL  
25 NOT EXCEED A PERIOD OF 365 DAYS WITHOUT A REVIEW BY A DEPARTMENT  
26 CASEWORKER.

27 (5) An individual is not disabled for purposes of this section

1 if substance abuse is a contributing factor material to the  
2 determination of disability.

3 (6) The department may promulgate rules in accordance with the  
4 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
5 24.328, identifying exemptions under this section. The director of  
6 the department may grant exemptions for extenuating circumstances  
7 beyond the exemptions provided for in this section. The department  
8 shall annually provide to the legislature, at the same time as the  
9 governor's departmental budget proposal, a report of the number of  
10 exemptions issued under this section and the individual reason for  
11 those exemptions. **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 31,**  
12 **2013.**

13 ~~—— (7) This section does not apply after September 30, 2011.~~

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October  
15 1, 2011.