

HOUSE BILL No. 4038

January 8, 1997, Introduced by Rep. Profit 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 57i.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 57I. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR
2 RECIPIENTS OF FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ASSISTANCE THAT PERMITS A
3 HOUSEHOLD RECEIVING ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH AN IRREVOCABLE EDUCA-
4 TION ACCOUNT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$5,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCA-
5 TIONAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD. THE DEPARTMENT
6 SHALL NOT CONSIDER MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION
7 ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING THE HOUSEHOLD'S ELIGIBILITY FOR
8 ASSISTANCE.

9 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10 THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
11 24.201 TO 24.328, WITH RESPECT TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) THE TYPES OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WHICH
2 EXPENDITURES FROM AN IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION ACCOUNT MAY BE MADE.

3 (B) THE CRITERIA FOR USE OF MONEY IN AN IRREVOCABLE EDUCA-
4 TION ACCOUNT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. THE RULES SHALL
5 DEFINE AN EMERGENCY AS ANY SITUATION THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR
6 ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM.

7 (C) PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF
8 IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION ACCOUNTS.

9 (D) PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING OF EXPENDI-
10 TURES FROM IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION ACCOUNTS.

11 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY FOR ANY FEDERAL WAIVERS NEC-
12 ESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.