

SENATE BILL NO. 950

February 26, 1998, Introduced by Senator EMMONS and referred
to the Committee on Economic Development, International
Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

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 \$4,000.00 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.

1 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2 THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
3 24.201 TO 24.328, WITH RESPECT TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) THE TYPES OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WHICH EXPENDI-
5 TURES FROM AN IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION ACCOUNT MAY BE MADE.

6 (B) THE CRITERIA FOR USE OF THE MONEY IN AN IRREVOCABLE EDU-
7 CATION ACCOUNT, THAT PROVIDES THAT MONEY WITHDRAWN FROM THE
8 IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION ACCOUNT WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOME IN THE
9 MONTH WITHDRAWN UNLESS IT IS USED FOR 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
10 PURPOSES:

11 (i) THE RECIPIENT'S OWN EDUCATION OR TRAINING OR THE TRAIN-
12 ING OR EDUCATION OF HIS OR HER CHILD.

13 (ii) IMPROVING THE EMPLOYABILITY OF A MEMBER OF THE
14 RECIPIENT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

15 (iii) NOT MORE THAN \$200.00 EVERY 12 MONTHS FOR EMERGENCY
16 NEEDS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

17 (C) PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF
18 IRREVOCABLE EDUCATION ACCOUNTS.

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

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