

# HOUSE BILL No. 5443

November 22, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Mortimer, Ball, Acciavatti, Pearce, Stewart, Gaffney, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Kooiman and Kahn and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

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 AND WHO ENROLLS IN A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)  
9 PREPARATION COURSE MAY COUNT UP TO 10 HOURS PER WEEK SPENT 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.

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

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

19 (A) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS  
20 ACHIEVING SOCIAL CONTRACT GOALS.

21 (B) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS  
22 PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT.

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

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

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

5           (F) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS  
6 PARTICIPATING IN A FAST TRACK LITERACY PROGRAM AND THE SUCCESS RATE  
7 IN THIS PROGRAM.

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

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

15           (A) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST PARTICIPANTS  
16 ACHIEVING THE GOALS STATED IN THEIR SOCIAL CONTRACTS.

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

20           (C) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF WORK FIRST CASES CLOSED DUE  
21 TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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

25           (a) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5445(request no.  
26 04044'05).

27           (b) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5439(request no.

1 04624'05).

2 (c) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5446(request no.  
3 04625'05).

4 (d) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5441(request no.  
5 04626'05).

6 (e) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5440(request no.  
7 05231'05).

8 (f) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5442(request no.  
9 05232'05).