

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4829

May 11, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Brabec, Sowerby, Sneller, Aiyash, Haadsma, Brixie, Camilleri, Young, Pohutsky, Stone, Puri, Koleszar, Morse, Clemente, Brenda Carter, Cherry, Cynthia Johnson, Hope, Hood, Kuppa, Steckloff, Shannon, Coleman, Liberati, Cavanagh, Jones, Tyrone Carter, Scott, Witwer, Ellison, Anthony and Weiss and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
by amending sections 57p and 57r (MCL 400.57p and 400.57r), as  
amended by 2011 PA 131.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 57p. **(1)** Any month in which a recipient has been exempted  
2   from the ~~JET~~**-PATH** program under section 57f(3) or (4) (b) shall not  
3   be counted toward the cumulative total of ~~48~~**-60** months in a  
4   lifetime for family independence program assistance. Any month in

1 which a recipient has been exempted from the ~~JET~~-**PATH** program under  
2 section 57f(4) (e) or (f) may, in the department's discretion, be  
3 excluded from the count toward the cumulative total of ~~48~~-**60** months  
4 in a lifetime for family independence program assistance.

5 (2) In determining the number of months for which a recipient  
6 who is a parent or pregnant has received family independence  
7 program assistance, the department shall disregard any month for  
8 which family independence program assistance was provided with  
9 respect to the recipient and during which the recipient was a minor  
10 child and was not the head of a household or married to the head of  
11 a household.

12 Sec. 57r. (1) Beginning October 1, 2007, family independence  
13 program assistance shall be paid to an individual for not longer  
14 than a cumulative total of ~~48~~-**60** months during that individual's  
15 lifetime.

16 (2) Except for the limitation provided in 42 USC  
17 608(a) (7) (C) (ii), the department may exempt a recipient from the  
18 application of subsection (1) by reason of hardship or if the  
19 program group includes an individual who has been battered or  
20 subjected to extreme cruelty.

21 (3) As used in this section, "battered or subjected to extreme  
22 cruelty" means an individual has been battered or subjected to  
23 extreme cruelty if the recipient has been subjected to 1 or more of  
24 the following:

25 (a) A physical act that resulted in, or threatened to result  
26 in, physical injury to the individual.

27 (b) Sexual abuse.

28 (c) Sexual activity involving a dependent child.

29 (d) Being forced as the caretaker relative of a dependent

- 1 child to engage in a nonconsensual sexual act or activity.
- 2 (e) A threat of, or attempt at, physical or sexual abuse.
- 3 (f) Mental abuse.
- 4 (g) Neglect or deprivation of medical care.