

While I cannot support House Bill 482 in its current form, I am optimistic that the State will continue the campaign to reform its welfare system. My Administration will pursue other avenues, not requiring legislation, to assist people in moving off welfare and into the workforce.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 482.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 482

AN ACT concerning

Welfare Reform Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish and implement a Welfare Reform Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary to select certain areas to implement the ~~program;~~ Program; providing for the application of the Program; providing for certain exemptions; requiring the Department of Human Resources and a certain recipient to sign a certain agreement; requiring a certain assessment of certain applicants; establishing certain conditions for eligibility for certain benefits under the Program; providing for the continuation of medical assistance coverage for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; specifying that certain income shall be considered to be earned income for certain purposes; limiting Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to a certain maximum period under certain circumstances; providing for certain good cause exemptions; requiring the Secretary to establish certain sanctions and exemptions; providing for the retention of certain benefits if certain sanctions are imposed; eliminating the incremental increase in benefits under the AFDC program for which a recipient would otherwise be eligible as a result of the birth of a child under certain circumstances; abolishing the 100 hour work rule and the quarterly earnings rule providing for certain family planning counseling and services for certain recipients; requiring the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to encourage certain medical providers to provide certain family planning counseling and services at certain locations; altering the requirements of certain rules; establishing that children living in certain families shall be eligible to receive assistance under the AFDC Program under certain circumstances; specifying the method for determining the amount of AFDC assistance for certain children; increasing the maximum value of an automobile without it counting as an asset for purposes of AFDC and food stamp eligibility; permitting recipients and their children to save money while in training through part-time work without it resulting in a disqualification for benefits; conditioning the eligibility of certain minor recipients of AFDC; providing for certain exemptions; requiring participation in certain family health and parenting skills classes by certain recipients, with certain exemptions; providing for the eligibility of a dependent child of a certain age who is a student in secondary school; establishing one-time-only welfare avoidance grants; requiring the Secretary to provide certain