



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB4967**

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Allen Skillicorn

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/4-7

from Ch. 23, par. 4-7

Amends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires each family receiving benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to be interviewed in person or communicated with at least once in each subsequent 6-month period (rather than once in each 12-month period) to ascertain that the family still lives in the State and other matters. Provides that a family shall no longer be eligible for TANF benefits if the Department of Human Services determines during a home visit or interview that the family no longer resides in the State.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 4-7 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-7) (from Ch. 23, par. 4-7)

7 Sec. 4-7. Home Visits, Interviews or Communications. Each  
8 family receiving aid shall be interviewed in person or  
9 communicated with in investigations of applications for aid and  
10 at least once in each subsequent 6-month ~~12-month~~ period to  
11 ascertain that the family still resides in the State, that  
12 there is a continuing need for such aid, and to provide the  
13 child and his parents or relatives with such service and  
14 guidance as will strengthen family life and aid them in  
15 utilizing to the maximum their capacities for self-care,  
16 self-support, and responsible citizenship. However, the  
17 Department shall determine those assistance units where the  
18 possibility for public assistance fraud or abuse is greatest,  
19 or where there is the possibility of frequent changes in need  
20 or circumstances, or where any child in the home may be an  
21 abused or neglected child as determined by the Department of  
22 Children and Family Services under the Abused and Neglected  
23 Child Reporting Act, as now or hereafter amended, and shall by

1 rule provide for more frequent interviews of or communications  
2 with those assistance units and for the implementation of  
3 necessary remedies under Sections 4-8 and 4-9 for those  
4 assistance units. Written reports of such interviews or  
5 communications and any related remedies shall become a part of  
6 the record in every case. If the Department determines during a  
7 home visit or interview that a family no longer resides in the  
8 State, the family shall no longer be eligible for aid under  
9 this Article.

10 (Source: P.A. 85-1209.)