

1 AN ACT to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code by adding  
2 Section 4-1.6b.

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

5 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
6 adding Section 4-1.6b as follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.6b new)

8 Sec. 4-1.6b. Child Support Pays Program.

9 (a) There is created the Child Support Pays Program  
10 under which the Department shall pay to families receiving  
11 cash assistance under this Article who have earned income an  
12 amount equal to whichever of the following is greater: (1)  
13 two-thirds of the current monthly child support collected on  
14 behalf of the members of the assistance unit; or (2) the  
15 amount of current monthly child support collected on behalf  
16 of the members of the assistance unit required to be paid to  
17 the family pursuant to administrative rule. The child  
18 support passed through to a family pursuant to this Section  
19 shall not affect the family's eligibility for assistance or  
20 decrease any amount otherwise payable as assistance to the  
21 family under this Article until the family's gross income  
22 from employment, non-exempt unearned income, and the gross  
23 current monthly child support collected on the family's  
24 behalf equals or exceeds 3 times the payment level for the  
25 assistance unit, at which point cash assistance to the family  
26 may be terminated.

27 (b) In consultation with the Child Support Advisory  
28 Committee, the Department shall conduct an evaluation of the  
29 Child Support Pays Program by December 31, 2007. The  
30 evaluation shall include but not be limited to:

31 (1) the amount of child support collections on

1 behalf of children of TANF recipients who have earned  
2 income compared with TANF recipients who do not have  
3 earned income;

4 (2) the regularity of child support payments made  
5 on behalf of children of TANF recipients who have earned  
6 income, both with respect to newly established child  
7 support orders and existing orders; and

8 (3) the number of parentage establishments for  
9 children of TANF recipients who have earned income.

10 In order to be able to evaluate the Child Support Pays  
11 Program, the Department shall conduct an outreach program to  
12 publicize the availability of the Program to TANF recipients.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.