



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2005 and 2006
SB0110

Introduced 2/1/2005, by Sen. Wendell E. Jones

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 20/4

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1404

Amends the Energy Assistance Act. Provides that a township may administer the energy assistance program in the territory within its jurisdiction. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to adopt rules that include (i) provisions setting forth the conditions under which a township may administer the energy assistance program in the territory within its jurisdiction and (ii) provisions for such a township to participate in State and federal funding of the energy assistance program. Effective July 1, 2005.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Energy Assistance Act is amended by changing
5 Section 4 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1404)

7 Sec. 4. Energy Assistance Program.

8 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
9 ~~Community Affairs~~ is hereby authorized to institute a program
10 to ensure the availability and affordability of heating and
11 electric service to low income citizens. The Department shall
12 implement the program by rule promulgated pursuant to The
13 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The program shall be
14 consistent with the purposes and objectives of this Act and
15 with all other specific requirements provided herein. The
16 Department may enter into such contracts and other agreements
17 with local agencies as may be necessary for the purpose of
18 administering the energy assistance program.

19 A township may administer the energy assistance program in
20 the territory within its jurisdiction. The Department shall
21 adopt rules as necessary to implement the changes made by this
22 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly. The rules shall
23 include, but need not be limited to, (i) provisions setting
24 forth the conditions under which a township may administer the
25 energy assistance program in the territory within its
26 jurisdiction and (ii) provisions for such a township to
27 participate in State and federal funding of the energy
28 assistance program.

29 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as altering or
30 limiting the authority conferred on the Illinois Commerce
31 Commission by the Public Utilities Act to regulate all aspects
32 of the provision of public utility service, including but not

1 limited to the authority to make rules and adjudicate disputes
2 between utilities and customers related to eligibility for
3 utility service, deposits, payment practices, discontinuance
4 of service, and the treatment of arrearages owing for
5 previously rendered utility service.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-690, eff. 7-18-02; revised 12-6-03.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
8 2005.