95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1745

Introduced 2/23/2007, by Rep. Cynthia Soto

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/10-3.4 820 ILCS 405/1900

from Ch. 48, par. 640

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code and the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that, for the purpose of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support obligations, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall enter into an agreement with the Director of Employment Security to obtain information reported to the Department of Employment Security and contained in that Department's Illinois Directory of New Hires maintained under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that the Director of Employment Security shall (instead of may) provide, to any State or local child support agency, including the Attorney General and any State's Attorney, upon request and on a reimbursable basis, information that might be useful in locating an absent parent or that parent's employer, establishing paternity, or establishing, modifying, or enforcing child support orders. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning child support.

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 10-3.4 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/10-3.4)

7 Sec. 10-3.4. Obtaining location information.

8 (a) The Illinois Department shall enter into agreements 9 with the Department of State Police and the Secretary of State to obtain location information on persons for the purpose of 10 establishing paternity, and establishing, modifying, 11 and enforcing child support obligations. In addition, and also for 12 the purpose of establishing paternity and establishing, 13 14 modifying, and enforcing child support obligations, the Illinois Department shall enter into an agreement with the 15 16 Director of Employment Security to obtain information reported 17 to the Department of Employment Security and contained in that Department's Illinois Directory of New Hires maintained under 18 19 Section 1801.1 of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

20 (b) Upon request, the Illinois Department shall provide 21 information obtained pursuant to this Section to federal 22 agencies and other states' agencies conducting child support 23 enforcement activities under Title IV, Part D of the Social HB1745

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1 Security Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-18, eff. 7-1-97.)

3 Section 10. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by 4 changing Section 1900 as follows:

5 (820 ILCS 405/1900) (from Ch. 48, par. 640)

6 Sec. 1900. Disclosure of information.

A. Except as provided in this Section, information obtained
from any individual or employing unit during the administration
of this Act shall:

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1. be confidential,

11 2. not be published or open to public inspection,

not be used in any court in any pending action or
 proceeding,

14 4. not be admissible in evidence in any action or15 proceeding other than one arising out of this Act.

B. No finding, determination, decision, ruling or order 16 (including any finding of fact, statement or conclusion made 17 therein) issued pursuant to this Act shall be admissible or 18 used in evidence in any action other than one arising out of 19 20 this Act, nor shall it be binding or conclusive except as 21 provided in this Act, nor shall it constitute res judicata, regardless of whether the actions were between the same or 22 23 related parties or involved the same facts.

24 C. Any officer or employee of this State, any officer or

employee of any entity authorized to obtain information pursuant to this Section, and any agent of this State or of such entity who, except with authority of the Director under this Section, shall disclose information shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and shall be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment by the State.

7 D. An individual or his duly authorized agent may be 8 supplied with information from records only to the extent 9 necessary for the proper presentation of his claim for benefits 10 or with his existing or prospective rights to benefits. 11 Discretion to disclose this information belongs solely to the 12 Director and is not subject to a release or waiver by the 13 Notwithstanding any other provision to individual. the contrary, an individual or his or her duly authorized agent may 14 15 be supplied with a statement of the amount of benefits paid to 16 the individual during the 18 months preceding the date of his 17 or her request.

E. An employing unit may be furnished with information, only if deemed by the Director as necessary to enable it to fully discharge its obligations or safeguard its rights under the Act. Discretion to disclose this information belongs solely to the Director and is not subject to a release or waiver by the employing unit.

F. The Director may furnish any information that he may deem proper to any public officer or public agency of this or any other State or of the federal government dealing with:

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1. the administration of relief,

2 2. public assistance,

3 3. unemployment compensation,

4 4. a system of public employment offices,

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6. a public works program.

7 The Director may make available to the Illinois Workers' 8 Compensation Commission information regarding employers for 9 the purpose of verifying the insurance coverage required under 10 the Workers' Compensation Act and Workers' Occupational 11 Diseases Act.

5. wages and hours of employment, or

G. The Director may disclose information submitted by the State or any of its political subdivisions, municipal corporations, instrumentalities, or school or community college districts, except for information which specifically identifies an individual claimant.

H. The Director shall disclose only that information
required to be disclosed under Section 303 of the Social
Security Act, as amended, including:

any information required to be given the United
 States Department of Labor under Section 303(a)(6); and

22 2. the making available upon request to any agency of 23 the United States charged with the administration of public 24 works or assistance through public employment, the name, 25 address, ordinary occupation and employment status of each 26 recipient of unemployment compensation, and a statement of 1 2 such recipient's right to further compensation under such law as required by Section 303(a)(7); and

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3. records to make available to the Railroad Retirement Board as required by Section 303(c)(1); and

4. information that will assure reasonable cooperation with every agency of the United States charged with the administration of any unemployment compensation law as required by Section 303(c)(2); and

9 5. information upon request and on a reimbursable basis 10 to the United States Department of Agriculture and to any 11 State food stamp agency concerning any information 12 required to be furnished by Section 303(d); and

6. any wage information upon request and on a
reimbursable basis to any State or local child support
enforcement agency required by Section 303(e); and

16 7. any information required under the income 17 eligibility and verification system as required by Section 18 303(f); and

19 8. information that might be useful in locating an 20 absent parent or that parent's employer, establishing 21 paternity or establishing, modifying, or enforcing child 22 support orders for the purpose of a child support 23 enforcement program under Title IV of the Social Security 24 Act upon the request of and on a reimbursable basis to the 25 public agency administering the Federal Parent Locator 26 Service as required by Section 303(h); and

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9. information, upon request, to representatives of 1 2 any federal, State or local governmental public housing 3 agency with respect to individuals who have signed the appropriate consent form approved by the Secretary of 4 5 Housing and Urban Development and who are applying for or 6 participating in any housing assistance program 7 administered by the United States Department of Housing and 8 Urban Development as required by Section 303(i).

9 I. The Director, upon the request of a public agency of 10 Illinois, of the federal government or of any other state 11 charged with the investigation or enforcement of Section 10-5 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (or a similar federal law or 13 similar law of another State), may furnish the public agency 14 information regarding the individual specified in the request 15 as to:

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 the current or most recent home address of the individual, and

18 2. the names and addresses of the individual's19 employers.

J. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to interfere with the disclosure of certain records as provided for in Section 1706 or with the right to make available to the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois, information obtained under this Act.

26 K. The Department shall make available to the Illinois

1 Student Assistance Commission, upon request, information in 2 the possession of the Department that may be necessary or 3 useful to the Commission in the collection of defaulted or 4 delinquent student loans which the Commission administers.

5 L. The Department shall make available to the State 6 Employees' Retirement System, the State Universities 7 Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of the 8 State of Illinois, upon request, information in the possession 9 of the Department that may be necessary or useful to the System 10 for the purpose of determining whether any recipient of a 11 disability benefit from the System is gainfully employed.

12 M. This Section shall be applicable to the information 13 obtained in the administration of the State employment service, 14 except that the Director may publish or release general labor 15 market information and may furnish information that he may deem 16 proper to an individual, public officer or public agency of 17 this or any other State or the federal government (in addition to those public officers or public agencies specified in this 18 19 Section) as he prescribes by Rule.

20 N. The Director may require such safeguards as he deems 21 proper to insure that information disclosed pursuant to this 22 Section is used only for the purposes set forth in this 23 Section.

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P. Within 30 days after the effective date of thisamendatory Act of 1993 and annually thereafter, the Department

1 shall provide to the Department of Financial Institutions a
2 list of individuals or entities that, for the most recently
3 completed calendar year, report to the Department as paying
4 wages to workers. The lists shall be deemed confidential and
5 may not be disclosed to any other person.

6 O. The Director shall make available to an elected federal 7 official the name and address of an individual or entity that 8 is located within the jurisdiction from which the official was 9 elected and that, for the most recently completed calendar 10 year, has reported to the Department as paying wages to 11 workers, where the information will be used in connection with 12 the official duties of the official and the official requests the information in writing, specifying the purposes for which 13 it will be used. For purposes of this subsection, the use of 14 information in connection with the official duties of an 15 16 official does not include use of the information in connection 17 with the solicitation of contributions or expenditures, in money or in kind, to or on behalf of a candidate for public or 18 19 political office or a political party or with respect to a 20 public question, as defined in Section 1-3 of the Election Code, or in connection with any commercial solicitation. Any 21 22 elected federal official who, in submitting a request for 23 information covered by this subsection, knowingly makes a false statement or fails to disclose a material fact, with the intent 24 25 to obtain the information for a purpose not authorized by this 26 subsection, shall be quilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

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1 R. The Director <u>shall</u> may provide to any State or local 2 child support agency, <u>including the Attorney General and any</u> 3 <u>State's Attorney</u>, upon request and on a reimbursable basis, 4 information that might be useful in locating an absent parent 5 or that parent's employer, establishing paternity, or 6 establishing, modifying, or enforcing child support orders.

S. The Department shall make available to a State's Attorney of this State or a State's Attorney's investigator, upon request, the current address or, if the current address is unavailable, current employer information, if available, of a victim of a felony or a witness to a felony or a person against whom an arrest warrant is outstanding.

13 T. The Director shall make available to the Department of 14 State Police, upon request, any information concerning the 15 place of employment or former places of employment of a person who is required to register as a sex offender under the Sex 16 17 Offender Registration Act that may be useful in enforcing the registration provisions requiring a sex offender to disclose 18 his or her place of employment to the law enforcement agency of 19 20 the jurisdiction in which the sex offender is employed.

21 (Source: P.A. 93-311, eff. 1-1-04; 93-721, eff. 1-1-05; 94-911, 22 eff. 6-23-06.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 24 becoming law.