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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3323

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3323 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10-25 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-25)

7 Sec. 10-25. Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition
8 Program.

9 (a) The Department shall participate in the Women, Infants
10 and Children Nutrition program of the federal government to
11 the maximum extent permitted by the federal appropriation and
12 allocation to the State of Illinois. In order to efficiently
13 process electronically issued WIC benefits, the Department may
14 use an account held outside of the state treasury for the
15 deposit and issuance of WIC benefits. Other appropriations and
16 funds from any public or private source in addition to federal

1 funds may be used by the Department for the purpose of maximum
2 participation in the WIC nutrition program.

3 (b) The Department shall maintain a drug abuse education
4 program for participants in the Women, Infants and Children
5 Nutrition Program. The program shall include but need not be
6 limited to (1) the provision of information concerning the
7 dangers of drug abuse and (2) the referral of participants who
8 are suspected drug abusers to drug abuse clinics, treatment
9 programs, counselors or other drug abuse treatment providers.

10 (c) The Department shall cooperate with the Department of
11 Public Health for purposes of the smoking cessation program
12 for participants in the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition
13 Program maintained by the Department of Public Health under
14 Section 2310-435 of the Department of Public Health Powers and
15 Duties Law (20 ILCS 2310/2310-435).

16 (d) The Department may contract with any bank as defined
17 by the Illinois Banking Act to redeem bank drafts issued by the
18 Department under the United States Department of Agriculture
19 Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and
20 Children (WIC). Any bank with which the Department has entered
21 into a contract to redeem bank drafts may receive, pursuant to
22 an appropriation to the Department, an initial advance and
23 periodic payment of funds for the Women, Infants and Children
24 Program in amounts determined by the Secretary.
25 Notwithstanding any other law, such funds shall be retained in
26 a separate account by the bank. Any interest earned by monies

1 in such account shall accrue to the USDA Women, Infants and
2 Children Fund and shall be used exclusively for the redemption
3 of bank drafts issued by the Department. WIC program food
4 funds received by the bank from the Department shall be used
5 exclusively for the redemption of bank drafts. The bank shall
6 not use such food funds, or interest accrued thereon, for any
7 other purpose including, but not limited to, reimbursement of
8 administrative expenses or payments of administrative fees due
9 the bank pursuant to its contract or contracts with the
10 Department.

11 Such initial and periodic payments by the Department to
12 the bank shall be effected, pursuant to an appropriation, in
13 an amount needed for the redemption of bank drafts issued by
14 the Department under the United States Department of
15 Agriculture Special Supplemental Food Program for Women,
16 Infants and Children in any initial or succeeding period. The
17 State Comptroller shall, upon presentation by the Secretary of
18 adequate certification of funds needed for redemption of bank
19 drafts, promptly draw a warrant payable to the bank for
20 deposit to the separate account of the bank. Such
21 certification may be in magnetic tape or computer output form,
22 indicating the amount of the total payment made by the bank for
23 the redemption of bank drafts from funds provided to the bank
24 under this Section.

25 The separate account of the bank established under this
26 Section, any payments to that account, and the use of such

1 account and funds shall be subject to (1) audit by the
2 Department or a private contractor authorized by the
3 Department to conduct audits, including but not limited to
4 such audits as may be required by State law, (2) audit by the
5 federal government or a private contractor authorized by the
6 federal government, and (3) post audit pursuant to the
7 Illinois State Auditing Act.

8 (e) The Department may include a program of lactation
9 support services as part of the benefits and services provided
10 for pregnant and breast feeding participants in the Women,
11 Infants and Children Nutrition Program. The program may
12 include payment for breast pumps, breast shields, or any
13 supply deemed essential for the successful maintenance of
14 lactation, as well as lactation specialists who are registered
15 nurses, licensed dietitians, or persons who have successfully
16 completed a lactation management training program.

17 (f) The Department shall coordinate the operation of the
18 Women, Infants and Children program with the Medicaid program
19 by interagency agreement whereby each program provides
20 information about the services offered by the other to
21 applicants for services.

22 (g) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall, by
23 rule, expand the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program across
24 the State through local WIC agency grants and contracting
25 local farmers to ensure access to fresh, locally grown fruits
26 and vegetables. The Department shall determine which counties

1 can participate based on funds available and whether there is
2 a sufficient number of farmers willing to accept WIC Farmers'
3 Market Nutrition Program benefits. The Department shall adopt
4 rules to implement this subsection.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-688, eff. 1-1-25.)".