



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3400

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, Dagmara Avelar and Lilian Jiménez

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/16-2

Amends the Survivor Support And Trafficking Prevention Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Extends eligibility for cash assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes who are preparing to file an application for T Nonimmigrant status or other specified nonimmigrant status applications. Removes a provision conditioning such assistance on the availability of funding. Removes a provision excluding from cash assistance and SNAP eligibility foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes who are single adults without family members. Removes a provision excluding from SNAP eligibility foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes who reside in an institution or other setting that provides the majority of their daily meals. Effective immediately.

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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 16-2 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/16-2)

7 Sec. 16-2. Eligibility. ~~A Subject to available funding, a~~  
8 foreign-born victim of trafficking, torture, or other serious  
9 crimes and the individual's derivative family members, ~~but not~~  
10 ~~a single adult without derivative family members,~~ are eligible  
11 for cash assistance or SNAP benefits under this Article if ~~the~~  
12 ~~individual:~~

13 (a) the individual has filed:

14 (1) has filed or is preparing to file an  
15 application for T Nonimmigrant status with the  
16 appropriate federal agency pursuant to Section  
17 1101(a)(15)(T) of Title 8 of the United States Code,  
18 or is otherwise taking steps to meet the conditions  
19 for federal benefits eligibility under Section 7105 of  
20 Title 22 of the United States Code;

21 (2) has filed or is preparing to file a formal  
22 application with the appropriate federal agency for  
23 status pursuant to Section 1101(a)(15)(U) of Title 8

1 of the United States Code; or

2 (3) has filed or is preparing to file a formal  
3 application with the appropriate federal agency for  
4 status under Section 1158 of Title 8 of the United  
5 States Code; and

6 (b) is otherwise eligible for cash assistance or SNAP  
7 benefits, as applicable.

8 ~~An individual residing in an institution or other setting~~  
9 ~~that provides the majority of the individual's daily meals is~~  
10 ~~not eligible for SNAP benefits.~~

11 (Source: P.A. 103-588, eff. 6-5-24.)

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