



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5257

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/1-85

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that, if a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more that receives grant funding from the Department of Human Services for emergency and transitional housing fails to achieve compliance with federal and State disability discrimination laws by July 1, 2027, the Department of Human Services shall require 30% of funds allocated for emergency and transitional housing to go toward improving accessibility and achieving compliance with federal and State disability discrimination laws.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by changing Section 1-85 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/1-85)

7 Sec. 1-85. Home Illinois Program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
9 Services shall establish the Home Illinois Program. The Home
10 Illinois Program shall focus on preventing and ending
11 homelessness in Illinois and may include, but not be limited
12 to, homeless prevention, emergency and transitional housing,
13 rapid rehousing, outreach, capital investment, and related
14 services and supports for individuals at risk or experiencing
15 homelessness. The Department may establish program eligibility
16 criteria and other program requirements by rule. The
17 Department of Human Services may consult with the Capital
18 Development Board, the Department of Commerce and Economic
19 Opportunity, and the Illinois Housing Development Authority in
20 the management and disbursement of funds for capital related
21 projects. The Capital Development Board, the Department of
22 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the Illinois Housing
23 Development Authority shall act in a consulting role only for

1 the evaluation of applicants, scoring of applicants, or
2 administration of the grant program.

3 (b) Unless otherwise required by State law or federal
4 requirements, a service provider shall not be subject to a
5 matching funds requirement in order to be eligible to receive
6 funds from the Department for the Emergency and Transitional
7 Housing Program or the Supportive Housing Program. When making
8 funding determinations, the Department retains discretion to
9 take into consideration the ability of a service provider to
10 leverage other funding sources, as well as other factors that
11 may demonstrate fiscal solvency of the service provider and
12 that the service provider is not solely reliant on State funds
13 for the provision of services.

14 (c) If a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more
15 that receives grant funding from the Department of Human
16 Services for emergency and transitional housing fails to
17 achieve compliance with federal and State disability
18 discrimination laws by July 1, 2027, the Department of Human
19 Services shall require 30% of funds allocated for emergency
20 and transitional housing to go toward improving accessibility
21 and achieving compliance with federal and State disability
22 discrimination laws.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 104-2, eff. 6-16-25.)