



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2227

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Andrew S. Chesney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Universal Basic Income Prohibition Act. Defines "universal basic income" as a government program that provides a base income to persons residing in Illinois by disbursing direct, recurring cash payments to persons to be used for any purpose without qualification or restriction. Provides that the General Assembly, a state agency, or a unit of local government may not pass a law, rule, resolution, or ordinance establishing a universal basic income program or any similar program. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to (i) diminish, negate, or interfere with a State public aid or social welfare program established by law, rule, resolution, or ordinance before the effective date of the Act that does not meet the criteria of a universal basic income program, including, but not limited to, township general assistance programs, or (ii) prohibit the passage of a law, rule, resolution, or ordinance that establishes or implements a public aid or social welfare program that does not meet the criteria of a universal basic income program or any similar guaranteed income program. Limits home rule powers by providing that regulation of universal basic income is an exclusive power and function of the State. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Universal Basic Income Prohibition Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "State agency" means all boards, commissions, agencies,
8 institutions, authorities, and bodies politic and corporate of
9 the State, created by or in accordance with the constitution
10 or statute, of the executive branch of State government.
11 "State agency" includes colleges, universities, and
12 institutions under the jurisdiction of the governing boards of
13 the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University,
14 Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University,
15 Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University,
16 Chicago State University, Governors State University,
17 Northeastern Illinois University, and the Board of Higher
18 Education. "State agency" does not include public employee
19 retirement systems or investment boards that are subject to
20 fiduciary duties imposed by the Illinois Pension Code or to
21 the University of Illinois Foundation, units of local
22 government, school districts, community colleges under the
23 Public Community College Act, or the Illinois Comprehensive

1 Health Insurance Board.

2 "Universal basic income" means a government program that
3 provides a base income to persons residing in Illinois by
4 disbursing direct, recurring cash payments to persons to be
5 used for any purpose without qualification or restriction.

6 Section 10. Prohibition on universal basic income
7 programs. The General Assembly, a State agency, or a unit of
8 local government may not pass a law, rule, resolution, or
9 ordinance establishing a universal basic income program or any
10 similar program.

11 Section 15. Exceptions. Nothing in this Act shall be
12 construed to (i) diminish, negate, or interfere with a State
13 public aid or social welfare program established by law, rule,
14 resolution, or ordinance before the effective date of this Act
15 that does not meet the criteria of a universal basic income
16 program, including, but not limited to, township general
17 assistance programs established under the Township Code, or
18 (ii) prohibit the passage of a law, rule, resolution, or
19 ordinance that establishes or implements a public aid or
20 social welfare program that does not meet the criteria of a
21 universal basic income program or any similar guaranteed
22 income program.

23 Section 20. Home rule. The regulation of universal basic

1 income is an exclusive power and function of the State. A home
2 rule unit may not regulate universal basic income. This Act is
3 a denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions
4 under subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the
5 Illinois Constitution.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.