

HB5287



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5287

by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.53 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires every person applying for benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to, at the time of application or subsequent redetermination of eligibility, submit to the Department of Human Services documentation demonstrating that the person is enrolled in an adult education program as defined in the Adult Education Act or in an educational program that is expected to result in the receipt of a high school equivalence certificate. Exempts certain persons from the requirement. Provides that the Department shall apply for any federal waiver, if required, to implement the requirement.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Section 12-4.53 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.53 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.53. SNAP; adult education requirement.

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the
9 contrary, every person applying for benefits under the federal
10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall, at the time of
11 application or subsequent redetermination of eligibility,
12 submit to the Department of Human Services documentation
13 demonstrating that the person is enrolled in an adult education
14 program as defined in the Adult Education Act or in an
15 educational program that is expected to result in the receipt
16 of a high school equivalence certificate. The following persons
17 are exempt from the requirement of this Section:

18 (1) Persons who are over the age of 60.

19 (2) Persons with a child under the age of one.

20 (3) Persons enrolled in a technical or trade school.

21 Persons with a disability as defined by the Americans with
22 Disabilities Act are entitled to request a reasonable
23 modification to the requirement of participation in an adult

1 education program or educational program that is expected to
2 result in the receipt of a high school equivalence certificate.
3 Requests for a reasonable modification shall be evaluated on a
4 case-by-case functional basis by designated staff based on
5 Department rule.

6 The Department of Human Services shall apply for any
7 federal waiver, if required, to implement the requirement under
8 this Section. Implementation shall be contingent upon federal
9 approval, if required.