

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 12-4.13b and adding Section 12-4.13c as
6 follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b)

8 Sec. 12-4.13b. College student eligibility for
9 supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

10 (a) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(ii) of Title 7
11 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a career and technical an
12 educational program offered at a community college and approved
13 by the Illinois Community College Board ~~under the Carl D.~~
14 ~~Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006~~
15 ~~(Public Law 109-270)~~ that could be a component of a SNAP
16 Employment and Training (E&T) program, as identified by the
17 Department of Human Services, shall be considered an employment
18 and training program under Section 273.7 of Title 7 of the Code
19 of Federal Regulations, unless prohibited by federal law.

20 (b) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with
21 representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the
22 Illinois Student Assistance Commission ~~ISAC~~, the Illinois
23 Workforce Innovation Board ~~Investment Board~~, and advocates for

1 students and SNAP recipients, shall establish a protocol to
2 identify and verify all potential exemptions to the eligibility
3 rule described in Section 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of
4 Federal Regulations, and to identify and verify a student's
5 participation in educational programs, including, but not
6 limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a
7 student from the eligibility rule described in Section 273.5(a)
8 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To the extent
9 possible, this consultation shall take place through existing
10 workgroups convened by the Department of Human Services.

11 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture requires
12 federal approval of the exemption designation established
13 pursuant to subsection (a) and the protocol established
14 pursuant to subsection (b), the Department of Human Services
15 shall seek and obtain that approval before publishing the
16 guidance or regulation required by subsection (e).

17 (d)(1) This Section does not require the Department of
18 Human Services to offer a particular component, support
19 services, or workers' compensation to a college student found
20 eligible for an exemption pursuant to this Section.

21 (2) This Section does not restrict or require the use of
22 federal funds for the financing of SNAP E&T programs.

23 (3) This Section does not require an institution of higher
24 education to verify eligibility for SNAP.

25 (e) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules
26 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (a), (b),

1 (c), and (d).

2 (Source: P.A. 100-620, eff. 7-20-18.)

3 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new)

4 Sec. 12-4.13c. SNAP eligibility notification; college
5 students.

6 (a) To complement student financial assistance programs
7 and to enhance their effectiveness for students with financial
8 need, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) shall
9 annually include information about the Supplemental Nutrition
10 Assistance Program (SNAP) in the language that schools are
11 required to provide to students eligible for the Monetary Award
12 Program grant. The language shall, at a minimum, direct
13 students to information about college student eligibility
14 criteria for SNAP, and it shall direct students to the
15 Department of Human Services and to the Illinois Hunger
16 Coalition's Hunger Hotline for additional information.

17 (b) Illinois institutions of higher education that
18 participate in the Monetary Award Program (MAP) shall provide
19 the notice described in subsection (a) to all students who are
20 enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and intending to
21 enroll, and who have been identified by ISAC as MAP-eligible at
22 the institution. If possible, the institution may designate a
23 public benefits liaison or single point person to assist
24 students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public
25 benefits if eligible.

1 (c) ISAC shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the
2 provisions of this Section on or before October 1, 2020.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.