

1 AN ACT concerning housing.

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

4 Section 5. The Homeless Family Placement Act is amended by
5 changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (310 ILCS 85/15)

7 Sec. 15. Placement.

8 (a) Prior to referring homeless families to a shelter, the
9 referring agency shall consult with families and in making the
10 referral shall consider the following factors:

11 (1) the potential for the child's academic and social
12 success at the school of origin;

13 (2) a family history of domestic violence;

14 (3) the family's employment status;

15 (4) the family's job training opportunities;

16 (4.5) the military status of any member of the family
17 to determine the family's eligibility for State or federal
18 benefits and other supportive services for homeless
19 veterans and their families, including, but not limited
20 to, housing or rental assistance, job training, and
21 employment opportunities;

22 (5) the proximity of other familial support;

23 (6) the availability of shelter resources appropriate

1 to the family's needs; and

2 (7) other social, psychological and health
3 considerations.

4 Based on the above, a referring agency shall refer
5 homeless families with a school age child to the shelter
6 closest to their child's school of origin unless the parent
7 determines that it is not in the best interest of the child or
8 children to attend the school of origin or to be placed in a
9 shelter near the school of origin.

10 (b) If the parent chooses to be located in a shelter
11 nearest the school of origin and no space is available in that
12 shelter, the family shall be referred to or placed in an
13 available shelter next nearest to the school of origin unless
14 the parent chooses otherwise.

15 (c) This Act shall not be construed to mean that a shelter
16 facility must serve any family not otherwise eligible for its
17 services.

18 (d) As used in this Section, "military status" has the
19 meaning ascribed to that term in Section 1-103 of the Illinois
20 Human Rights Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 88-366.)