

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 Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 604-1020 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/604-1020 new)

8 Sec. 604-1020. Credit and background checks and unpaid  
9 child support study.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall conduct  
11 a study regarding credit and background checks conducted by  
12 public and private employers. The purpose of the study is to  
13 determine what, if any, impact unpaid child support information  
14 has on an individual's ability to be considered, interviewed,  
15 and hired by an employer. The study shall focus on the  
16 following:

17 (1) Whether credit and background checks reveal unpaid  
18 child support obligations, including, but not limited to,  
19 amounts in arrears, civil judgments, and criminal  
20 convictions for failure to pay child support.

21 (2) Whether the information revealed in a credit or  
22 background check regarding unpaid child support prevents  
23 applicants from gaining employment.

1       (b) The study may include data related to the prevalence of  
2       information regarding unpaid child support on standard  
3       employer credit and background checks, the prevalence of  
4       criminal versus civil judgments on standard employer credit and  
5       background checks, and the number of employers who utilize this  
6       information when screening applicants for employment.

7       (c) The Department shall report the results of its study  
8       and any recommendations to the Governor and the General  
9       Assembly on or before May 1, 2016.

10       (d) This Section is repealed January 1, 2017.

11       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
12       1, 2015.