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AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by changing Section 1-7 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/1-7) (from Ch. 23, par. 1-7)

Sec. 1-7. (a) For purposes of determining eligibility for assistance under this Code, the Illinois Department, County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration restitution payments, including all income and resources derived therefrom, made to persons of Japanese or Aleutian ancestry pursuant to the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Restitution Act, P.L. 100-383.

(b) For purposes of any program or form of assistance where a person's income or assets are considered in determining eligibility or level of assistance, whether under this Code or another authority, neither the State of Illinois nor any entity or person administering a program wholly or partially financed by the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions shall include restitution payments, including all income and resources derived therefrom, made pursuant to the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Public Act 101-0415

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Restitution Act, P.L. 100-383, in the calculation of income or assets for determining eligibility or level of assistance.

(c) For purposes of determining eligibility for or the amount of assistance under this Code, except for the determination of eligibility for payments or programs under the TANF employment, education, and training programs and the Food Employment and Training Program, the Stamp Illinois Department, County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration any financial assistance received under any student aid program administered by an agency of this State or the federal government, by a person who is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student of any public or private university, college, or community college in this State.

(d) For purposes of determining eligibility for or the amount of assistance under this Code, except for the determination of eligibility for payments or programs under the TANF employment, education, and training programs and the SNAP Employment and Training Program, the Illinois Department, County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration, for a period of 36 months, any financial assistance, including wages, that is provided to a person who is enrolled in a demonstration project that is not funded with general revenue funds and that is intended as a bridge to self-sufficiency by offering (i) intensive workforce support and training and (ii) support services for new and expectant parents that are intended to foster multi-generational healthy families as described in Section 12-4.51.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, and to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, for purposes of determining eligibility and the amount of assistance under this Code, the Illinois Department and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration, for a period of no more than 60 months, any financial assistance, including wages, cash transfers, or gifts, that is provided to a person who is enrolled in a program or research project that is not funded with general revenue funds and that is intended to investigate the impacts of policies or programs designed to reduce poverty, promote social mobility, or increase financial stability for Illinois residents if there is an explicit plan to collect data and evaluate the program or initiative that is developed prior to participants in the study being enrolled in the program and if a research team has been identified to oversee the evaluation.

(2) The Department shall choose State options and seek all necessary federal approvals or waivers to implement this subsection.

(Source: P.A. 100-806, eff. 1-1-19.)

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