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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 736

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 736 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 9-14 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/9-14 new)

7 Sec. 9-14. Small business grant program. Subject to  
8 appropriation, the Department of Commerce and Economic  
9 Opportunity may establish a small business grant program for  
10 public aid recipients who are interested in developing a new  
11 start-up business. Grant applicants must submit an initial  
12 business plan or proposal to the Department of Commerce and  
13 Economic Opportunity that clearly articulates the viability of  
14 the new start-up business and how the grant money will be used  
15 to develop the business. The Department of Commerce and  
16 Economic Opportunity shall use such application materials to

1 determine an applicant's eligibility under the program, the  
2 grant amount to be awarded, if applicable, and the number of  
3 grants an eligible applicant will receive under the program. If  
4 an applicant is determined by the Department of Commerce and  
5 Economic Opportunity to be eligible for a small business grant,  
6 the applicant must submit to the Department of Commerce and  
7 Economic Opportunity every year that he or she participates in  
8 the program or applies for a new grant an updated business plan  
9 or proposal that demonstrates the continued viability or  
10 progress of the new start-up business. The Department of  
11 Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall adopt any rules  
12 necessary to implement this provision, including rules on the  
13 minimum and maximum grant amounts awarded under the program,  
14 the number of grants an applicant may apply for or receive  
15 during a specified period of time, and application  
16 requirements."