



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB3406

by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/4-21.1 new

Amends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that subject to appropriations, the Department of Human Services shall establish and administer a statewide suspicion-based substance abuse screening and testing pilot program for all applicants for and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. Provides that at the time of application and annual redetermination of eligibility, the Department shall screen applicants for and recipients of TANF benefits for suspicion of substance abuse using an empirically validated substance abuse screening tool. Provides that if the results of the substance abuse screening gives the Department a reasonable suspicion to believe that the applicant or recipient has engaged in the use of a controlled substance, the applicant or recipient shall be required to take a substance abuse test and shall be ineligible for benefits if he or she refuses to take the test.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Section 4-21.1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-21.1 new)

7 Sec. 4-21.1. Suspicion-based substance abuse screening.

8 (a) Subject to appropriations, the Department shall
9 establish and administer a statewide suspicion-based substance
10 abuse screening and testing pilot program for all applicants
11 for and recipients of benefits provided under this Article.

12 (b) At the time of application and annual redetermination
13 of eligibility, the Department shall screen applicants for and
14 recipients of benefits under this Article for suspicion of
15 substance abuse using an empirically validated substance abuse
16 screening tool.

17 (c) If the results of the substance abuse screening gives
18 the Department a reasonable suspicion to believe that the
19 applicant or recipient has engaged in the use of a controlled
20 substance, the applicant or recipient shall be required to take
21 a substance abuse test.

22 (d) If the applicant or recipient refuses to take a
23 substance abuse test, he or she shall be ineligible for

1 benefits provided under this Article, but may reapply for such
2 benefits after 6 months. If the applicant or recipient
3 reapplies for benefits, he or she must test negative for use of
4 a controlled substance.

5 (e) If the applicant or recipient tests negative for use of
6 a controlled substance, the cost of administering the substance
7 abuse test to him or her shall be paid for by the Department.