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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/4.01	from Ch. 23, par. 6104.01
20 ILCS 105/4.15	
20 ILCS 105/6.02	from Ch. 23, par. 6106.02
20 ILCS 105/6.04 rep.	
35 ILCS 200/20-15	

Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Deletes a provision requiring the Department on Aging to make a grant to an institution of higher learning to study the feasibility of establishing and implementing an affirmative action employment plan for the recruitment, hiring, training, and retraining of persons 60 or more years old. In provisions authorizing the Department to make eligibility determinations for benefits administered by other governmental bodies based on the income eligibility limitation in the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, specifies a particular location in that Act. Provides that the Director of Aging shall receive an annual salary as set by the Compensation Review Board. Repeals a provision requiring the Director to give a bond of not less than \$10,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of his or her duties. Amends the Property Tax Code. Deletes a provision requiring counties to include in property tax bills information that taxpayers may be eligible for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act and that applications are available from the Department on Aging. Effective January 1, 2019.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 changing Sections 4.01, 4.15, and 6.02 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.01) (from Ch. 23, par. 6104.01)

7 Sec. 4.01. Additional powers and duties of the Department.
8 In addition to powers and duties otherwise provided by law, the
9 Department shall have the following powers and duties:

10 (1) To evaluate all programs, services, and facilities for
11 the aged and for minority senior citizens within the State and
12 determine the extent to which present public or private
13 programs, services and facilities meet the needs of the aged.

14 (2) To coordinate and evaluate all programs, services, and
15 facilities for the Aging and for minority senior citizens
16 presently furnished by State agencies and make appropriate
17 recommendations regarding such services, programs and
18 facilities to the Governor and/or the General Assembly.

19 (2-a) To request, receive, and share information
20 electronically through the use of data-sharing agreements for
21 the purpose of (i) establishing and verifying the initial and
22 continuing eligibility of older adults to participate in
23 programs administered by the Department; (ii) maximizing

1 federal financial participation in State assistance
2 expenditures; and (iii) investigating allegations of fraud or
3 other abuse of publicly funded benefits. Notwithstanding any
4 other law to the contrary, but only for the limited purposes
5 identified in the preceding sentence, this paragraph (2-a)
6 expressly authorizes the exchanges of income, identification,
7 and other pertinent eligibility information by and among the
8 Department and the Social Security Administration, the
9 Department of Employment Security, the Department of
10 Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Human
11 Services, the Department of Revenue, the Secretary of State,
12 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and any other
13 governmental entity. The confidentiality of information
14 otherwise shall be maintained as required by law. In addition,
15 the Department on Aging shall verify employment information at
16 the request of a community care provider for the purpose of
17 ensuring program integrity under the Community Care Program.

18 (3) To function as the sole State agency to develop a
19 comprehensive plan to meet the needs of the State's senior
20 citizens and the State's minority senior citizens.

21 (4) To receive and disburse State and federal funds made
22 available directly to the Department including those funds made
23 available under the Older Americans Act and the Senior
24 Community Service Employment Program for providing services
25 for senior citizens and minority senior citizens or for
26 purposes related thereto, and shall develop and administer any

1 State Plan for the Aging required by federal law.

2 (5) To solicit, accept, hold, and administer in behalf of
3 the State any grants or legacies of money, securities, or
4 property to the State of Illinois for services to senior
5 citizens and minority senior citizens or purposes related
6 thereto.

7 (6) To provide consultation and assistance to communities,
8 area agencies on aging, and groups developing local services
9 for senior citizens and minority senior citizens.

10 (7) To promote community education regarding the problems
11 of senior citizens and minority senior citizens through
12 institutes, publications, radio, television and the local
13 press.

14 (8) To cooperate with agencies of the federal government in
15 studies and conferences designed to examine the needs of senior
16 citizens and minority senior citizens and to prepare programs
17 and facilities to meet those needs.

18 (9) To establish and maintain information and referral
19 sources throughout the State when not provided by other
20 agencies.

21 (10) To provide the staff support that may reasonably be
22 required by the Council.

23 (11) To make and enforce rules and regulations necessary
24 and proper to the performance of its duties.

25 (12) To establish and fund programs or projects or
26 experimental facilities that are specially designed as

1 alternatives to institutional care.

2 (13) To develop a training program to train the counselors
3 presently employed by the Department's aging network to provide
4 Medicare beneficiaries with counseling and advocacy in
5 Medicare, private health insurance, and related health care
6 coverage plans. The Department shall report to the General
7 Assembly on the implementation of the training program on or
8 before December 1, 1986.

9 (14) (Blank). ~~To make a grant to an institution of higher
10 learning to study the feasibility of establishing and
11 implementing an affirmative action employment plan for the
12 recruitment, hiring, training and retraining of persons 60 or
13 more years old for jobs for which their employment would not be
14 precluded by law.~~

15 (15) To present one award annually in each of the
16 categories of community service, education, the performance
17 and graphic arts, and the labor force to outstanding Illinois
18 senior citizens and minority senior citizens in recognition of
19 their individual contributions to either community service,
20 education, the performance and graphic arts, or the labor
21 force. The awards shall be presented to 4 senior citizens and
22 minority senior citizens selected from a list of 44 nominees
23 compiled annually by the Department. Nominations shall be
24 solicited from senior citizens' service providers, area
25 agencies on aging, senior citizens' centers, and senior
26 citizens' organizations. The Department shall establish a

1 central location within the State to be designated as the
2 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame for the public display of all
3 the annual awards, or replicas thereof.

4 (16) To establish multipurpose senior centers through area
5 agencies on aging and to fund those new and existing
6 multipurpose senior centers through area agencies on aging, the
7 establishment and funding to begin in such areas of the State
8 as the Department shall designate by rule and as specifically
9 appropriated funds become available.

10 (17) (Blank).

11 (18) To develop a pamphlet in English and Spanish which may
12 be used by physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of
13 its branches pursuant to the Medical Practice Act of 1987,
14 pharmacists licensed pursuant to the Pharmacy Practice Act, and
15 Illinois residents 65 years of age or older for the purpose of
16 assisting physicians, pharmacists, and patients in monitoring
17 prescriptions provided by various physicians and to aid persons
18 65 years of age or older in complying with directions for
19 proper use of pharmaceutical prescriptions. The pamphlet may
20 provide space for recording information including but not
21 limited to the following:

22 (a) name and telephone number of the patient;

23 (b) name and telephone number of the prescribing
24 physician;

25 (c) date of prescription;

26 (d) name of drug prescribed;

1 (e) directions for patient compliance; and

2 (f) name and telephone number of dispensing pharmacy.

3 In developing the pamphlet, the Department shall consult
4 with the Illinois State Medical Society, the Center for
5 Minority Health Services, the Illinois Pharmacists Association
6 and senior citizens organizations. The Department shall
7 distribute the pamphlets to physicians, pharmacists and
8 persons 65 years of age or older or various senior citizen
9 organizations throughout the State.

10 (19) To conduct a study of the feasibility of implementing
11 the Senior Companion Program throughout the State.

12 (20) The reimbursement rates paid through the community
13 care program for chore housekeeping services and home care
14 aides shall be the same.

15 (21) From funds appropriated to the Department from the
16 Meals on Wheels Fund, a special fund in the State treasury that
17 is hereby created, and in accordance with State and federal
18 guidelines and the intrastate funding formula, to make grants
19 to area agencies on aging, designated by the Department, for
20 the sole purpose of delivering meals to homebound persons 60
21 years of age and older.

22 (22) To distribute, through its area agencies on aging,
23 information alerting seniors on safety issues regarding
24 emergency weather conditions, including extreme heat and cold,
25 flooding, tornadoes, electrical storms, and other severe storm
26 weather. The information shall include all necessary

1 instructions for safety and all emergency telephone numbers of
2 organizations that will provide additional information and
3 assistance.

4 (23) To develop guidelines for the organization and
5 implementation of Volunteer Services Credit Programs to be
6 administered by Area Agencies on Aging or community based
7 senior service organizations. The Department shall hold public
8 hearings on the proposed guidelines for public comment,
9 suggestion, and determination of public interest. The
10 guidelines shall be based on the findings of other states and
11 of community organizations in Illinois that are currently
12 operating volunteer services credit programs or demonstration
13 volunteer services credit programs. The Department shall offer
14 guidelines for all aspects of the programs including, but not
15 limited to, the following:

16 (a) types of services to be offered by volunteers;

17 (b) types of services to be received upon the
18 redemption of service credits;

19 (c) issues of liability for the volunteers and the
20 administering organizations;

21 (d) methods of tracking service credits earned and
22 service credits redeemed;

23 (e) issues of time limits for redemption of service
24 credits;

25 (f) methods of recruitment of volunteers;

26 (g) utilization of community volunteers, community

1 service groups, and other resources for delivering
2 services to be received by service credit program clients;

3 (h) accountability and assurance that services will be
4 available to individuals who have earned service credits;
5 and

6 (i) volunteer screening and qualifications.

7 The Department shall submit a written copy of the guidelines to
8 the General Assembly by July 1, 1998.

9 (24) To function as the sole State agency to receive and
10 disburse State and federal funds for providing adult protective
11 services in a domestic living situation in accordance with the
12 Adult Protective Services Act.

13 (25) To hold conferences, trainings, and other programs for
14 which the Department shall determine by rule a reasonable fee
15 to cover related administrative costs. Rules to implement the
16 fee authority granted by this paragraph (25) must be adopted in
17 accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative
18 Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint
19 Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so
20 adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-8, eff. 5-3-13; 98-49, eff. 7-1-13; 98-380,
22 eff. 8-16-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-331, eff. 1-1-16.)

23 (20 ILCS 105/4.15)

24 Sec. 4.15. Eligibility determinations.

25 (a) The Department is authorized to make eligibility

1 determinations for benefits administered by other governmental
2 bodies based on the income eligibility limitation set forth in
3 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
4 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act as follows:

5 (i) for the Secretary of State with respect to reduced
6 fees paid by qualified vehicle owners under the Illinois
7 Vehicle Code;

8 (ii) for special districts that offer free fixed route
9 public transportation services for qualified older adults
10 under the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Metropolitan
11 Transit Authority Act, and the Regional Transportation
12 Authority Act; and

13 (iii) for special districts that offer transit
14 services for qualified individuals with disabilities under
15 the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Metropolitan
16 Transit Authority Act, and the Regional Transportation
17 Authority Act.

18 (b) The Department shall establish the manner by which
19 claimants shall apply for these benefits. The Department is
20 authorized to promulgate rules regarding the following
21 matters: the application cycle; the application process; the
22 content for an electronic application; required personal
23 identification information; acceptable proof of eligibility as
24 to age, disability status, marital status, residency, and
25 household income limits; household composition; calculating
26 income; use of social security numbers; duration of eligibility

1 determinations; and any other matters necessary for such
2 administrative operations.

3 (c) All information received by the Department from an
4 application or from any investigation to determine eligibility
5 for benefits shall be confidential, except for official
6 purposes.

7 (d) A person may not under any circumstances charge a fee
8 to a claimant for assistance in completing an application form
9 for these benefits.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-887, eff. 8-15-14; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

11 (20 ILCS 105/6.02) (from Ch. 23, par. 6106.02)

12 Sec. 6.02.

13 The Director of the Department on Aging shall receive an
14 annual salary as set by the Compensation Review Board. ~~The~~
15 ~~salary of the Director shall be \$30,000 per annum.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 78-242.)

17 (20 ILCS 105/6.04 rep.)

18 Section 10. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
19 repealing Section 6.04.

20 Section 15. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
21 Section 20-15 as follows:

22 (35 ILCS 200/20-15)

1 Sec. 20-15. Information on bill or separate statement.
2 There shall be printed on each bill, or on a separate slip
3 which shall be mailed with the bill:

4 (a) a statement itemizing the rate at which taxes have
5 been extended for each of the taxing districts in the
6 county in whose district the property is located, and in
7 those counties utilizing electronic data processing
8 equipment the dollar amount of tax due from the person
9 assessed allocable to each of those taxing districts,
10 including a separate statement of the dollar amount of tax
11 due which is allocable to a tax levied under the Illinois
12 Local Library Act or to any other tax levied by a
13 municipality or township for public library purposes,

14 (b) a separate statement for each of the taxing
15 districts of the dollar amount of tax due which is
16 allocable to a tax levied under the Illinois Pension Code
17 or to any other tax levied by a municipality or township
18 for public pension or retirement purposes,

19 (c) the total tax rate,

20 (d) the total amount of tax due, and

21 (e) the amount by which the total tax and the tax
22 allocable to each taxing district differs from the
23 taxpayer's last prior tax bill.

24 The county treasurer shall ensure that only those taxing
25 districts in which a parcel of property is located shall be
26 listed on the bill for that property.

1 In all counties the statement shall also provide:

2 (1) the property index number or other suitable
3 description,

4 (2) the assessment of the property,

5 (3) the statutory amount of each homestead exemption
6 applied to the property,

7 (4) the assessed value of the property after
8 application of all homestead exemptions,

9 (5) the equalization factors imposed by the county and
10 by the Department, and

11 (6) the equalized assessment resulting from the
12 application of the equalization factors to the basic
13 assessment.

14 In all counties which do not classify property for purposes
15 of taxation, for property on which a single family residence is
16 situated the statement shall also include a statement to
17 reflect the fair cash value determined for the property. In all
18 counties which classify property for purposes of taxation in
19 accordance with Section 4 of Article IX of the Illinois
20 Constitution, for parcels of residential property in the lowest
21 assessment classification the statement shall also include a
22 statement to reflect the fair cash value determined for the
23 property.

24 In all counties, the statement must include information
25 that certain taxpayers may be eligible for tax exemptions,
26 abatements, and other assistance programs and that, for more

1 information, taxpayers should consult with the office of their
2 township or county assessor and with the Illinois Department of
3 Revenue.

4 ~~In all counties, the statement shall include information~~
5 ~~that certain taxpayers may be eligible for the Senior Citizens~~
6 ~~and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act and that~~
7 ~~applications are available from the Illinois Department on~~
8 ~~Aging.~~

9 In counties which use the estimated or accelerated billing
10 methods, these statements shall only be provided with the final
11 installment of taxes due. The provisions of this Section create
12 a mandatory statutory duty. They are not merely directory or
13 discretionary. The failure or neglect of the collector to mail
14 the bill, or the failure of the taxpayer to receive the bill,
15 shall not affect the validity of any tax, or the liability for
16 the payment of any tax.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-93, eff. 7-16-13; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
19 1, 2019.