



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB1641

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Robert Peters

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to identify and flag college students who are potentially eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Provides that the factors to be used to determine potential SNAP eligibility shall be prescribed by ISAC in consultation with the Department of Human Services, but at a minimum shall include income information reported on a college student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Requires ISAC, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to develop a notice that ISAC shall make available electronically to institutions of higher education that includes, at a minimum, college student SNAP eligibility criteria, the Application for Benefits Eligibility's website address, and the Illinois Hunger Coalition's Hunger Hotline. Requires Illinois institutions of higher education that participate in the Monetary Award Program to provide the notice in writing to all students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment and are identified by ISAC as potentially SNAP eligible. Requires ISAC to adopt rules. Effective immediately.

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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 12-4.13c as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new)

7 Sec. 12-4.13c. College student eligibility for
8 supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

9 (a) To complement student financial assistance programs
10 and to enhance their effectiveness by more fully addressing the
11 costs of attendance for students with financial needs, the
12 Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) shall identify
13 and flag college students who are potentially eligible to
14 receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
15 benefits. The factors to be used to determine potential SNAP
16 eligibility shall be prescribed by ISAC in consultation with
17 the Department of Human Services, but at a minimum shall
18 include income information reported on a college student's Free
19 Application for Federal Student Aid. ISAC, in consultation with
20 the Department of Human Services, shall develop a notice that
21 ISAC shall make available electronically to institutions of
22 higher education that includes, at a minimum, college student
23 SNAP eligibility criteria, the Application for Benefits

1 Eligibility's website address, and the Illinois Hunger
2 Coalition's Hunger Hotline.

3 (b) Illinois institutions of higher education that
4 participate in the Monetary Award Program shall provide the
5 notice described in subsection (a) in writing to all students
6 who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment and are identified
7 by ISAC as potentially SNAP eligible and, if possible, may
8 designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to
9 assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public
10 benefits if eligible.

11 (c) ISAC shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the
12 provisions of this Section on or before October 1, 2019.

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