

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 changing Section 12-4.13b and adding Section 12-4.13c as  
6 follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b)

8 Sec. 12-4.13b. College student eligibility for  
9 supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

10 (a) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(ii) of Title 7  
11 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a career and technical an  
12 educational program offered at a community college and approved  
13 by the Illinois Community College Board ~~under the Carl D.~~  
14 ~~Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006~~  
15 ~~(Public Law 109-270)~~ that could be a component of a SNAP  
16 Employment and Training (E&T) program, as identified by the  
17 Department of Human Services, shall be considered an employment  
18 and training program under Section 273.7 of Title 7 of the Code  
19 of Federal Regulations, unless prohibited by federal law.

20 (b) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with  
21 representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the  
22 Illinois Student Assistance Commission ~~ISAC~~, the Illinois  
23 Workforce Innovation Board ~~Investment Board~~, and advocates for

1 students and SNAP recipients, shall establish a protocol to  
2 identify and verify all potential exemptions to the eligibility  
3 rule described in Section 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of  
4 Federal Regulations, and to identify and verify a student's  
5 participation in educational programs, including, but not  
6 limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a  
7 student from the eligibility rule described in Section 273.5(a)  
8 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To the extent  
9 possible, this consultation shall take place through existing  
10 workgroups convened by the Department of Human Services.

11 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture requires  
12 federal approval of the exemption designation established  
13 pursuant to subsection (a) and the protocol established  
14 pursuant to subsection (b), the Department of Human Services  
15 shall seek and obtain that approval before publishing the  
16 guidance or regulation required by subsection (e).

17 (d)(1) This Section does not require the Department of  
18 Human Services to offer a particular component, support  
19 services, or workers' compensation to a college student found  
20 eligible for an exemption pursuant to this Section.

21 (2) This Section does not restrict or require the use of  
22 federal funds for the financing of SNAP E&T programs.

23 (3) This Section does not require an institution of higher  
24 education to verify eligibility for SNAP.

25 (e) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules  
26 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (a), (b),

1 (c), and (d).

2 (Source: P.A. 100-620, eff. 7-20-18.)

3 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new)

4 Sec. 12-4.13c. SNAP eligibility notification; college  
5 students.

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

23 (b) Illinois institutions of higher education that  
24 participate in the Monetary Award Program shall provide the  
25 notice described in subsection (a) in writing to all students

1 who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment and are identified  
2 by ISAC as potentially SNAP eligible and, if possible, may  
3 designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to  
4 assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public  
5 benefits if eligible.

6 (c) ISAC shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the  
7 provisions of this Section on or before October 1, 2020.

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