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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1641

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1641 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Sections 12-4.13b and 12-4.13c as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b)

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

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

1 and training program under Section 273.7 of Title 7 of the Code
2 of Federal Regulations, unless prohibited by federal law.

3 (b) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with
4 representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the
5 Illinois Student Assistance Commission ~~ISAC~~, the Illinois
6 Workforce Innovation Board ~~Investment Board~~, and advocates for
7 students and SNAP recipients, shall establish a protocol to
8 identify and verify all potential exemptions to the eligibility
9 rule described in Section 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of
10 Federal Regulations, and to identify and verify a student's
11 participation in educational programs, including, but not
12 limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a
13 student from the eligibility rule described in Section 273.5(a)
14 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To the extent
15 possible, this consultation shall take place through existing
16 workgroups convened by the Department of Human Services.

17 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture requires
18 federal approval of the exemption designation established
19 pursuant to subsection (a) and the protocol established
20 pursuant to subsection (b), the Department of Human Services
21 shall seek and obtain that approval before publishing the
22 guidance or regulation required by subsection (e).

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

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

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

5 (e) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules
6 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (a), (b),
7 (c), and (d).

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

9 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13c new)

10 Sec. 12-4.13c. SNAP eligibility notification; college
11 students.

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

1 SNAP eligibility criteria, the Application for Benefits
2 Eligibility's website address, and the Illinois Hunger
3 Coalition's Hunger Hotline.

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

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

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