

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB0088

Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/1-10

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that persons shall not be determined ineligible for cash assistance provided under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program based upon a conviction for any drug-related felony under State or federal law.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by changing Section 1-10 as follows:
- 6 (305 ILCS 5/1-10)

under this Code.

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- 7 Sec. 1-10. Drug convictions.
- (a) Persons convicted of an offense under the Illinois 8 9 Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act which is 10 a Class X felony, or a Class 1 felony, or comparable federal 11 criminal law which has as an element the possession, use, or 12 distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in Section 13 14 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance provided 15
- 17 (b) Persons convicted of any other felony under the
 18 Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act,
 19 or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act
 20 which is not a Class X or Class 1 felony, or comparable federal
 21 criminal law which has as an element the possession, use, or
 22 distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in Section
 23 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.

- 1 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance provided
- 2 under this Code for 2 years from the date of conviction. This
- 3 prohibition shall not apply if the person is in a drug
- 4 treatment program, aftercare program, or similar program as
- 5 defined by rule.
- 6 (c) Persons shall not be determined ineligible for food
- 7 stamps provided under this Code based upon a conviction of any
- 8 felony or comparable federal or State criminal law which has
- 9 an element the possession, use or distribution of a controlled
- 10 substance, as defined in Section 102(6) of the federal
- 11 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(c)).
- 12 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to
- the contrary, persons shall not be determined ineligible for
- 14 cash assistance provided under Article IV of this Code based
- upon a conviction for any drug-related felony under State or
- 16 federal law.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)