



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2214

Introduced 2/8/2023, by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.57 new

Amends the Administration Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Human Services to track and collect data on the scope and frequency of SNAP benefits fraud in Illinois where a SNAP recipient's benefits are stolen from the recipient's electronic benefits transfer card by means of card skimming, card cloning, or some other similar fraudulent method. Requires the Department to specifically keep a record of every report made to the Department by a SNAP recipient alleging the theft of benefits due to no fault of the recipient, the benefit amount stolen, and, if practicable, how those stolen benefits were used and the location of those thefts. Requires the Department to report its findings to the General Assembly on a quarterly basis beginning in calendar year 2024. Provides that a SNAP recipient's personally identifiable information shall be excluded from the reports consistent with State and federal privacy protections; and that each quarterly report shall be posted on the Department's official website. Provides that if the Department determines that a SNAP recipient has made a substantiated report of stolen benefits due to card skimming, card cloning, or some other similar fraudulent method, the Department shall refer the matter to the Attorney General and shall provide any assistance to the Attorney General in the prosecution of the alleged theft or fraud.

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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 12-4.57 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.57 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.57. Stolen SNAP benefits via card skimming; data  
8 collection and reports. As the State administrator of benefits  
9 provided under the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition  
10 Assistance Program (SNAP), the Department of Human Services  
11 shall track and collect data on the scope and frequency of SNAP  
12 benefits fraud in this State where a SNAP recipient's benefits  
13 are stolen from the recipient's electronic benefits transfer  
14 card by means of card skimming, card cloning, or some other  
15 similar fraudulent method. The Department shall specifically  
16 keep a record of every report made to the Department by a SNAP  
17 recipient alleging the theft of benefits due to no fault of the  
18 recipient, the benefit amount stolen, and, if practicable, how  
19 those stolen benefits were used and the location of those  
20 thefts.

21 The Department shall report its findings to the General  
22 Assembly on a quarterly basis beginning in calendar year 2024.  
23 The reports shall cover the period January 1 through March 31,

1 April 1 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and  
2 October 1 through December 31 of each year. The Department  
3 shall file the quarterly reports no later than the 15th day of  
4 the month following each period. A SNAP recipient's personally  
5 identifiable information shall be excluded from the reports  
6 consistent with State and federal privacy protections. Each  
7 quarterly report shall also be posted on the Department's  
8 official website.

9 If the Department determines that a SNAP recipient has  
10 made a substantiated report of stolen benefits due to card  
11 skimming, card cloning, or some other similar fraudulent  
12 method, the Department shall refer the matter to the Attorney  
13 General and shall provide any assistance to the Attorney  
14 General in the prosecution of the alleged theft or fraud.