



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3436

Introduced 2/8/2024, by Sen. David Koehler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/3-5

from Ch. 23, par. 3-5

Amends the Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the General Assembly finds it necessary to take measures to increase the amount of cash assistance provided to qualifying Illinoisans under the Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled (AABD) program to reach a standard compatible with health and well-being. Provides that the amount of AABD aid granted to a person shall be determined by the Department of Human Services in such a manner as to produce assistance payments that bring the person's total monthly income from countable sources, as determined by the Department, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, if applicable, and AABD aid to an amount that is: (i) no less than 85% of the federal poverty level in effect for the month aid is paid, beginning July 1, 2024; (ii) no less than 90% of the federal poverty level in effect for the month aid is paid, beginning July 1, 2025; (iii) no less than 95% of the federal poverty level for the month aid is paid, beginning July 1, 2026; and (iv) no less than 100% of the federal poverty level in effect for the month aid is paid, beginning on and after July 1, 2027. Provides that the amendatory Act shall not result in any reduction in the amount of aid payable to a person determined eligible for aid prior to July 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

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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 1. References to Act. This Act may be referred to
5 as the AABD Cash Amendments of 2024.

6 Section 2. Findings. The General Assembly finds that it is
7 necessary to take measures to increase the amount of cash
8 assistance provided to qualifying Illinoisans under the Aid to
9 the Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to reach a standard
10 compatible with health and well-being.

11 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
12 changing Section 3-5 as follows:

13 (305 ILCS 5/3-5) (from Ch. 23, par. 3-5)

14 Sec. 3-5. Amount of aid.

15 (a) The amount and nature of financial aid granted to or in
16 behalf of aged, blind, or disabled persons shall be determined
17 in accordance with the standards, grant amounts, rules and
18 regulations of the Illinois Department. Due regard shall be
19 given to the requirements and conditions existing in each
20 case, and to the amount of property owned and the income, money
21 contributions, and other support, and resources received or

1 obtainable by the person, from whatever source. However, the
2 amount and nature of any financial aid is not affected by the
3 payment of any grant under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled
4 Persons Property Tax Relief Act" or any distributions or items
5 of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of
6 subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
7 The aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income,
8 money contributions and support, to provide the person with a
9 grant in the amount established by Department regulation for
10 such a person, based upon standards providing a livelihood
11 compatible with health and well-being. Financial aid under
12 this Article granted to persons who have been found ineligible
13 for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to expiration of
14 the period of eligibility for refugees and asylees pursuant to
15 8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2) shall equal 90% of the current maximum SSI
16 payment amount per month.

17 (b) Beginning July 1, 2024, the amount of financial aid
18 granted to a person under this Article shall be determined by
19 the Illinois Department in such a manner as to produce
20 assistance payments that bring the person's total monthly
21 income from countable sources, as determined by the
22 Department, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, if
23 applicable, and financial aid provided under this Article to
24 an amount that is no less than the following:

25 (1) Beginning July 1, 2024, total monthly income,
26 including financial aid provided under this Article, shall

1 be no less than 85% of the federal poverty level in effect
2 for the month aid is paid.

3 (2) Beginning July 1, 2025, total monthly income,
4 including financial aid provided under this Article, shall
5 be no less than 90% of the federal poverty level in effect
6 for the month aid is paid.

7 (3) Beginning July 1, 2026, total monthly income,
8 including financial aid provided under this Article, shall
9 be no less than 95% of the federal poverty level for the
10 month aid is paid.

11 (4) Beginning on and after July 1, 2027, total monthly
12 income, including financial aid provided under this
13 Article, shall be no less than 100% of the federal poverty
14 level in effect for the month aid is paid.

15 The provisions of this Section shall not result in any
16 reduction in the amount of aid payable to a person determined
17 eligible for aid prior to July 1, 2024.

18 As used in this subsection, "federal poverty level" means
19 the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal
20 Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
21 under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

22 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12; 98-674, eff. 6-30-14.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
24 2024.