

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 4-1.6b as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.6b new)

7 Sec. 4-1.6b. Child Support Pays Program.

8 (a) The Child Support Pays Program is created. Under
9 the program, the Department of Public Aid shall pay to
10 families receiving cash assistance under this Article who
11 have earned income an amount equal to whichever of the
12 following is greater: (1) 50% of the current monthly child
13 support collected on behalf of the members of the assistance
14 unit; or (2) the amount of current monthly child support
15 collected on behalf of the members of the assistance unit
16 required to be paid to the family pursuant to administrative
17 rule. The child support passed through to a family pursuant
18 to this Section shall not affect the family's eligibility for
19 assistance or decrease any amount otherwise payable as
20 assistance to the family under this Article until the
21 family's gross income from employment, non-exempt unearned
22 income, and the gross current monthly child support collected
23 on the family's behalf equals or exceeds 3 times the payment
24 level for the assistance unit, at which point cash assistance
25 to the family may be terminated.

26 (b) In consultation with the Child Support Advisory
27 Committee, the Department of Public Aid shall conduct an
28 evaluation of the Child Support Pays Program by December 31,
29 2006. The evaluation shall include but not be limited to:

30 (1) the amount of child support collections on
31 behalf of children of TANF recipients who have earned

1 income compared with TANF recipients who do not have
2 earned income;

3 (2) the regularity of child support payments made
4 on behalf of children of TANF recipients who have earned
5 income, both with respect to newly established child
6 support orders and existing orders; and

7 (3) the number of parentage establishments for
8 children of TANF recipients who have earned income.

9 In order to be able to evaluate the Child Support Pays
10 Program, the Department of Public Aid shall conduct an
11 outreach program to publicize the availability of the Program
12 to TANF recipients.