

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3023

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3023 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 11-1 and 11-20.1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/11-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 11-1)

7 Sec. 11-1. No discrimination). There shall be no
8 discrimination or denial of financial aid and social services
9 on account of the race, religion, color, national origin,
10 sex, marriage status, or political affiliation of any
11 applicant or recipient.

12 Participation in any marriage promotion or family
13 formation activity is voluntary. Non-participation shall not
14 affect any person's eligibility for or receipt of financial
15 aid or social services in any program under this Code.

16 Where financial aid or social services are granted to
17 certain classes of persons under a program for which federal
18 funds are available, nothing in this Section shall require
19 granting of financial aid or social services to other persons
20 where federal funds would not be available as to those other
21 persons.

22 (Source: P.A. 80-354.)

1 (305 ILCS 5/11-20.1) (from Ch. 23, par. 11-20.1)

2 Sec. 11-20.1. Employment; Rights of recipient and
3 obligations of Illinois Department when recipients become
4 employed; Assistance when a recipient has employment or
5 earned income or both.

6 (a) When a recipient reports employment or earned
7 income, or both, or the Illinois Department otherwise learns
8 of a recipient's employment or earned income, or both, the
9 Illinois Department shall provide the recipient with:

10 (1) An explanation of how the earned income will
11 affect the recipient's eligibility for a grant, and
12 whether the recipient must engage in additional work
13 activities to meet the recipient's monthly work
14 activities requirement and what types of activities may
15 be approved for that purpose, and whether the employment
16 is sufficient to cause months of continued receipt of a
17 grant not to be counted against the recipient's lifetime
18 eligibility limit.

19 (2) An explanation of the Work Pays budgeting
20 process, and an explanation of how the first month's
21 income on a new job will be projected, and how the
22 recipient should report the new job to avoid the
23 Department overestimating the first month's income.

24 (3) An explanation of how the earned income will
25 affect the recipient's eligibility for food stamps,
26 whether the recipient will continue to receive food
27 stamps, and, if so, the amount of food stamps.

28 (4) The names and telephone numbers of all
29 caseworkers to whom the recipient's case or cases are
30 assigned or will be transferred, an explanation of which
31 type of case each worker will be handling, and the
32 effective date of the transfer.

33 (5) An explanation of the recipient's
34 responsibilities to report income and household

1 circumstances, the process by which quarterly reporting
2 forms are sent to recipients, where and to whom the
3 reports should be returned, the deadline by which reports
4 must be returned, instructions on how to fill out the
5 reports, an explanation of what the recipient should do
6 if he or she does not receive the form, advice on how to
7 prove the report was returned by the recipient such as by
8 keeping a copy, and an explanation of the effects of
9 failure to file reports.

10 (6) If the recipient will continue to receive a
11 grant, an explanation of the recipient's new fiscal month
12 and a statement as to when the recipient will receive his
13 or her grant.

14 (7) An explanation of Kidcare, Family Assist,
15 Family Care, and the 12 month extension of medical
16 assistance that is available when a grant is cancelled
17 due to earned income.

18 (8) An explanation of the medical assistance the
19 person may be eligible for when the 12 month extension
20 expires and how to request or apply for it.

21 (9) An explanation of the availability of a child
22 care subsidy to all families below the child care
23 assistance program's income limit, how to apply for the
24 benefit through the Child Care Resource and Referral or
25 site-administered child care program or both, the nature
26 of the child care program's sliding scale co-payments,
27 the availability of the 10% earned income disregard in
28 determining eligibility for child care assistance and the
29 amount of the parent co-payment, the right to use the
30 subsidy for either licensed or license exempt legal care,
31 and the availability of benefits when the parent is
32 engaged in an education and training program.

33 (10) (Blank).

34 (11) (Blank).

1 (11a) (Blank).

2 (12) (Blank).

3 (13) An explanation of the availability of payment
4 for initial expenses of employment and how to request or
5 apply for it.

6 (14) An explanation of the job retention component
7 and how to participate in it, and an explanation of the
8 recipient's eligibility to receive supportive services to
9 participate in education and training programs while
10 working.

11 (15) A statement of the types of assistance that
12 will be provided to the person automatically or continued
13 and a statement of the types of assistance for which the
14 person must apply or reapply.

15 (16) If the recipient will not continue to receive
16 a cash grant and the recipient has assigned his or her
17 right to child support to the Illinois Department, an
18 explanation of the recipient's right to continue to
19 receive child support enforcement services, the
20 recipient's right to have all current support paid after
21 grant cancellation forwarded promptly to the recipient,
22 the procedures by which child support will be forwarded,
23 and the procedures by which the recipient will be
24 informed of the collection and distribution of child
25 support.

26 (17) An explanation of the availability of payments
27 if the recipient experiences a decrease in or loss of
28 earned income during a calendar quarter as to which the
29 monthly grant was previously budgeted based upon the
30 higher income.

31 (18) If the recipient will not continue to receive
32 a cash grant, an explanation of the procedures for
33 reapplying for cash assistance if the person experiences
34 a decrease in or loss of earned income.

1 (19) An explanation of the earned income tax credit
2 and the procedures by which it may be obtained and the
3 rules for disregarding it in determining eligibility for
4 and the amount of assistance.

5 (20) An explanation of the education and training
6 opportunities available to recipients.

7 (b) The information listed in subsection (a) shall
8 be provided to the recipient on an individual basis during an
9 in-person meeting with a representative of the Illinois
10 Department. The individual in-person meeting shall be held
11 at a time which does not conflict with the recipient's work
12 schedule within 30 days of the date the recipient begins
13 working. If the recipient informs the Illinois Department
14 that an in-person meeting would be inconvenient, the Illinois
15 Department may provide the information during a home visit,
16 by telephone, or by mail within 30 days of the date the
17 recipient begins working, whichever the client prefers.

18 (c) At the conclusion of the meeting described in
19 subsection (b), the Illinois Department shall ensure that all
20 case transfers and calculations of benefits necessitated by
21 the recipient's employment or receipt of earned income have
22 been performed, that applications have been made or provided
23 for all benefits for which the person must apply or reapply,
24 and that the person has received payment for initial expenses
25 of employment.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-331, eff. 7-29-99.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law."