

1 AN ACT in relation to energy.

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

4 Section 5. The Energy Assistance Act is amended by
5 changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 20/7) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1407)

7 Sec. 7. State Weatherization Plan and Program.

8 (a) The Department shall, after consultation with the
9 Policy Advisory Council, prepare and promulgate an annual
10 State Weatherization Plan beginning in the year this Act
11 becomes effective. To the extent practicable, such Plan
12 shall provide for targeting use of both State and federal
13 weatherization funds to the households of eligible applicants
14 pursuant to this Act whose ratios of energy costs to income
15 are the highest. The State Weatherization Plan shall include
16 but need not be limited to the following:

17 (1) a description of the demographic
18 characteristics and energy use patterns of people
19 eligible for assistance pursuant to this Act;

20 (2) the methodology used by the Department in
21 targeting weatherization funds;

22 (3) a description of anticipated activity and
23 results for the year covered by the Plan, including an
24 estimate of energy cost savings expected to be realized
25 by the weatherization program; and

26 (4) every third year, beginning in 2002, an
27 evaluation of results from the weatherization program in
28 the year preceding the plan year, including the effect of
29 State Weatherization Program investments on energy
30 consumption and cost in the population eligible for
31 assistance pursuant to this Act, and the effect of

1 targeted weatherization investments on the costs of the
2 energy assistance program authorized by this Act.

3 (b) The Department shall implement the State
4 Weatherization Plan by rule through a program which provides
5 targeted weatherization assistance to eligible applicants for
6 energy assistance pursuant to this Act. In distributing
7 weatherization assistance moneys, the Department shall give
8 priority to eligible applicants who are customers of systems
9 that assess an Energy Assistance Charge. The Department may
10 enter into such contracts and other arrangements with local
11 agencies as may be necessary for the purpose of administering
12 the weatherization program.

13 (Source: P.A. 92-690, eff. 7-18-02.)