

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Prompt Payment Act is amended by
5 adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 540/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. Priority of payment.

8 (a) Definition. As used in this Section, "qualified
9 goods or services" means goods or services for which
10 reimbursement is paid by the Illinois Department of Public
11 Aid under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

12 (b) Processing by official or agency. Except as provided
13 in subsection (d), a bill or invoice for qualified goods or
14 services provided to a recipient of medical assistance under
15 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code must be given
16 priority in processing. Any bill or invoice meeting these
17 criteria that is submitted to an official or agency must be
18 processed and forwarded for payment before any other bill or
19 invoice or any grant award payment is processed or forwarded
20 for payment.

21 (c) Payment by Comptroller. Except as provided in
22 subsection (d), a voucher for payment for qualified goods or
23 services provided to a recipient of medical assistance under
24 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code and submitted by an
25 official or agency to the Comptroller for payment must be
26 given priority in payment. Any voucher meeting these criteria
27 that is submitted to the Comptroller by an official or agency
28 for payment from a given fund must be paid before any other
29 bill, invoice, or grant award is paid from that fund. If 2 or
30 more vouchers eligible for priority payment under this
31 Section are received by the Comptroller in the same day for

1 payment out of the same fund and there is not enough money in
2 the fund to pay them all, then each bill or invoice shall be
3 paid in the order in which it is received.

4 (d) The processing and payment of (i) debt service
5 obligations of the State, (ii) payroll obligations of the
6 State, and (iii) payments to school districts shall have
7 priority over the processing and payment of items as required
8 by this Section.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.