



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2003 and 2004

Introduced 02/05/04, by Joseph M. Lyons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.8c new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Public Aid shall provide nursing home employee scholarships (to be added to a nursing home's regular Medicaid reimbursement rate) to each nursing home reimbursed under the Medicaid program. Provides that the purpose of the scholarships is to lead to career advancement or to provide job-related training in English as a second language. Provides for such scholarships at the rate of \$0.25 per bed for the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; provides for such scholarships calculated according to various factors after June 30, 2006.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-5.8c as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.8c new)

7 Sec. 5-5.8c. Nursing homes; employee scholarships.

8 (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June
9 30, 2006, the Department of Public Aid shall provide to each
10 nursing facility reimbursed under this Article a scholarship
11 per diem of \$0.25 per bed to the facility's total operating
12 payment rate. The facility must use the scholarship per diem
13 for the following purposes:

14 (1) For employee scholarships that satisfy the
15 following requirements:

16 (A) The scholarships are available to all
17 employees of the facility who work an average of at
18 least 20 hours per week at the facility, except the
19 administrator, department supervisors, and registered
20 nurses;

21 (B) The course of study is expected to lead to
22 career advancement with the facility or in long-term
23 care, including medical care interpreter services and
24 social work.

25 (2) To provide job-related training in English as a
26 second language.

27 (b) A facility receiving a rate adjustment under this
28 Section may submit to the Department of Public Aid, on a
29 schedule determined by the Department and on a form supplied by
30 the Department, a calculation of the scholarship per diem,
31 including the following:

32 (1) The amount received from this rate adjustment.

1 (2) The amount used for training in English as a second
2 language.

3 (3) The number of persons receiving the training.

4 (4) The name of the person or entity providing the
5 training.

6 (5) For each scholarship recipient, the name of the
7 recipient, the amount awarded, the educational institution
8 attended, the nature of the educational program, the
9 program completion date, and a determination of the per
10 diem amount of these costs based on actual resident days.

11 (c) On July 1, 2006, the Department of Public Aid shall
12 remove the \$0.25 scholarship per diem from the total operating
13 payment rate of each facility.

14 (d) For rate years beginning after June 30, 2005, the
15 Department of Public Aid shall provide to each facility the
16 scholarship per diem determined in accordance with subsection
17 (b). In calculating the per diem under subsection (b), the
18 Department shall allow only costs related to tuition and direct
19 educational expenses.