

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 12-4.13a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13a new)

7 Sec. 12-4.13a. Food stamp outreach program. The
8 Department of Human Services shall develop and implement an
9 outreach program to increase participation in the federal
10 food stamp program. The objective of the outreach program
11 shall be to increase the levels of participation in the food
12 stamp program by senior citizens, residents of rural areas,
13 and employed persons with low family incomes. The outreach
14 program shall provide for disseminating information to those
15 groups concerning food stamp eligibility standards and
16 application procedures. The disseminated information must
17 also inform those groups that many individuals and families
18 are eligible for food stamps even if they do not receive
19 public aid under this Code.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.