

# HB1096



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB1096

Introduced 02/08/05, by Rep. Thomas Holbrook

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 42/5

Amends the Nutrition Outreach and Public Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative findings.

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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 Nutrition Outreach and Public Education Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 42/5)

7 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds a  
8 definite correlation between proper health and adequate diet  
9 and nutrition and hereby recognizes the importance of federal  
10 food and nutrition assistance programs in minimizing the  
11 incidence of hunger and nutrition related health problems for  
12 those who participate in such programs.

13 The General Assembly also finds that a significant portion  
14 of otherwise eligible residents of Illinois do not participate  
15 in existing federal food assistance programs such as the food  
16 stamp program, school lunch and breakfast programs, child care  
17 food programs, summer food programs, the special supplemental  
18 program for women, infants and children (WIC), congregate meal  
19 programs, and home-delivered meal programs. That lack of  
20 participation is, in the General Assembly's view, due  
21 predominantly to a lack of adequate program information as to  
22 eligibility and application procedures, a lack of access to and  
23 in many instances availability of benefits under those federal  
24 food assistance programs, and the unavailability of federal  
25 funding specifically for outreach efforts to expand program  
26 coverage and participation among eligible persons.

27 The General Assembly believes that it is in the interest of  
28 the public health of the economically vulnerable residents of  
29 Illinois to establish a program of community-based nutrition  
30 outreach to enroll eligible targeted populations in federal  
31 food and nutrition assistance programs designed for them and to  
32 promote the fuller implementation and utilization of federal

- 1 food assistance programs in unserved or underserved areas.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 93-555, eff. 1-1-04.)