1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 10-17.12 as follows:
- 6 (305 ILCS 5/10-17.12 new)

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Sec. 10-17.12. Compromise of assigned child support 7 arrearages. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services 8 may provide by rule for compromise of debt owed to the State in 9 the form of child support arrearages and interest accrued on 10 child support arrearages assigned to the State under Section 11 10-1. The rule shall establish the circumstances under which 12 such obligations may be compromised, with due regard for the 13 payment ability of low-income obligors and the importance of 14

encouraging payment of current child support obligations.