

HB5927



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB5927

by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in an effort to control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Secretary of Human Services may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the federal Food Stamp Program. Requires the Secretary to consult with members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and to obtain approval from the General Assembly before implementing the waiver.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning food stamps.

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 12-4.4a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new)

7 Sec. 12-4.4a. Food stamp program; waiver to determine food
8 that may be purchased in Illinois; public health policy. In an
9 effort to control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the
10 Secretary of Human Services may seek a waiver from the United
11 States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify
12 foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with
13 benefits funded by the federal Food Stamp Program. The
14 Secretary shall consult with members of the General Assembly in
15 developing the waiver and must obtain the approval of the
16 General Assembly prior to implementing the waiver.