

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 12-4.44 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.44 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.44. Report on centralizing administrative  
8 functions. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services,  
9 with the cooperation of the Department of Human Services, shall  
10 provide a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2012,  
11 regarding the feasibility and potential consequences of  
12 centralizing administrative functions, to the extent allowable  
13 under federal law, for applicants applying only for medical  
14 assistance. The report shall include, but need not be limited  
15 to, an analysis of centralizing administrative functions in a  
16 statewide or regional centers administered by either public or  
17 private entities, and an analysis of the impact of removing  
18 medical assistance only cases from the caseload assigned to  
19 employees in local Department of Human Services field offices  
20 that accept and process applications for benefits.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
22 2011.