

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 changing Section 4-1.6 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.6) (from Ch. 23, par. 4-1.6)

7 Sec. 4-1.6. Need. Income available to the family as defined
8 by the Illinois Department by rule, or to the child in the case
9 of a child removed from his or her home, when added to
10 contributions in money, substance or services from other
11 sources, including income available from parents absent from
12 the home or from a stepparent, contributions made for the
13 benefit of the parent or other persons necessary to provide
14 care and supervision to the child, and contributions from
15 legally responsible relatives, must be equal to or less than
16 the grant amount established by Department regulation for such
17 a person. For purposes of eligibility for aid under this
18 Article, the Department shall (a) disregard all earned income
19 between the grant amount and 50% of the Federal Poverty Level
20 and (b) disregard the value of all assets held by the family.

21 In considering income to be taken into account,
22 consideration shall be given to any expenses reasonably
23 attributable to the earning of such income. Three-fourths of

1 the earned income of a household eligible for aid under this
2 Article shall be disregarded when determining the level of
3 assistance for which a household is eligible. The Illinois
4 Department may also permit all or any portion of earned or
5 other income to be set aside for the future identifiable needs
6 of a child. The Illinois Department may provide by rule and
7 regulation for the exemptions thus permitted or required. The
8 eligibility of any applicant for or recipient of public aid
9 under this Article is not affected by the payment of any grant
10 under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
11 Relief Act" or any distributions or items of income described
12 under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of
13 Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.

14 The Illinois Department may, by rule, set forth criteria
15 under which an assistance unit is ineligible for cash
16 assistance under this Article for a specified number of months
17 due to the receipt of a lump sum payment.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-866, eff. 7-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

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