



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5294

by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.47 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that subject to federal approval, applicants for or recipients of benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the State's medical assistance program shall prepare and submit a personal plan for achieving employment and self-sufficiency at the time of application or redetermination of eligibility for such benefits. Provides that in order to receive SNAP benefits or benefits under the State's medical assistance program, a single parent who heads an assistance unit and who is able to work shall be required to work or participate in a work activity for at least 30 hours per week; 2 parents who head an assistance unit shall be required to work a combined 35 hours per week. Requires the Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to seek any necessary waiver from the federal government in order to implement these provisions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 12-4.47 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.47 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.47. Work requirements. Subject to federal
8 approval, applicants for or recipients of benefits under the
9 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or
10 the State's medical assistance program shall prepare and submit
11 a personal plan for achieving employment and self-sufficiency
12 at the time of application or redetermination of eligibility
13 for such benefits. A single parent who heads an assistance unit
14 and who is able to work shall be required to work or
15 participate in a work activity for at least 30 hours per week
16 in order to receive SNAP benefits or benefits under the State's
17 medical assistance program. Two parents who head an assistance
18 unit shall be required to work a combined 35 hours per week in
19 order to receive SNAP benefits or benefits under the State's
20 medical assistance program. The Department of Human Services
21 and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall seek
22 any necessary waiver from the federal government in order to
23 implement the provisions of this Section.