

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB4457

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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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). 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

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 12-4.4a as follows:
- 6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new)
- 7 Sec. 12-4.4a. SNAP; waiver to determine food that may be purchased in Illinois; public health policy. In an effort to 8 9 control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Secretary of 10 Human Services may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify foods 11 12 that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with benefits funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance 13 14 Program (SNAP). The Secretary shall consult with members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and must obtain the 15 16 approval of the General Assembly prior to implementing the 17 waiver.