

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 changing Section 1-7 and by adding Section 12-4.51 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/1-7) (from Ch. 23, par. 1-7)

Sec. 1-7. (a) For purposes of determining eligibility for assistance under this Code, the Illinois Department, County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration restitution payments, including all income and resources derived therefrom, made to persons of Japanese or Aleutian ancestry pursuant to the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Restitution Act, P.L. 100-383.

(b) For purposes of any program or form of assistance where a person's income or assets are considered in determining eligibility or level of assistance, whether under this Code or another authority, neither the State of Illinois nor any entity or person administering a program wholly or partially financed by the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions shall include restitution payments, including all income and resources derived therefrom, made pursuant to the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island

Restitution Act, P.L. 100-383, in the calculation of income or assets for determining eligibility or level of assistance.

(c) For purposes of determining eligibility for or the amount of assistance under this Code, except for the determination of eligibility for payments or programs under the TANF employment, education, and training programs and the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program, the Illinois Department, County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration any financial assistance received under any student aid program administered by an agency of this State or the federal government, by a person who is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student of any public or private university, college, or community college in this State.

(d) For purposes of determining eligibility for or the amount of assistance under this Code, except for the determination of eligibility for payments or programs under the TANF employment, education, and training programs and the SNAP Employment and Training Program, the Illinois Department, County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from consideration, for a period of 36 months, any financial assistance, including wages, that is provided to a person who is enrolled in a demonstration project that is not funded with general revenue funds and that is intended as a bridge to self-sufficiency by offering (i) intensive workforce support and training and (ii) support services for new and expectant

parents that are intended to foster multi-generational healthy families as described in Section 12-4.51.

(Source: P.A. 92-111, eff. 1-1-02.)

(305 ILCS 5/12-4.51 new)

Sec. 12-4.51. Workforce training and healthy families demonstration project.

(a) Subject to the availability of funds provided for this purpose by the federal government, local philanthropic or charitable sources, or other private sources, there is created a 5-year demonstration project within the Department of Human Services to provide an intensive workforce training program for entry level workers and a multi-generational healthy family initiative. No general revenue funds may be used to fund the demonstration project created under this Section. The demonstration project shall be implemented no later than 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and shall terminate 5 years after the initial date of implementation. The demonstration project shall be operated and maintained by a non-profit, community-based entity that shall provide the majority of the wages earned by participants enrolled in the workforce training program as well as support services to families, including new and expectant parents, enrolled in the multi-generational healthy family initiative. The total number of participants in the 5-year demonstration project at any one time shall not

exceed 500. Participants enrolled in the workforce training program or the multi-generational healthy family initiative shall qualify to have whatever financial assistance they receive from their participation excluded from consideration for purposes of determining eligibility for or the amount of assistance under this Code as provided in subsection (d) of Section 1-7. The selected entity must immediately notify the Department of Human Services or the Department of Healthcare and Family Services whenever a participant enrolled in the workforce training program or the multi-generational healthy family initiative leaves the demonstration project and ceases to participate in any of the programs under the demonstration making the participant ineligible to receive an exemption as provided in subsection (d) of Section 1-7.

(b) The entity selected to operate and maintain the demonstration project shall be a non-profit, community-based entity in good standing with the State that is located in a county with a population of less than 3,000,000. The selected entity must comply with all applicable State and federal requirements and must develop and implement a research component to determine the effectiveness of the demonstration project in promoting and instilling self-sufficiency through its intensive workforce training program and multi-generational healthy family initiative. The State shall not fund the research component outlined in the Section or any program under the demonstration project.

(c) Beginning one year after the initial implementation date of the demonstration project, and each year thereafter for the duration of the demonstration, the selected entity shall submit a report to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the General Assembly that details the progress and effectiveness of the demonstration project and the demonstration's impact on instilling the value of self-sufficiency in participants. The 4th annual report shall also provide policy recommendations on best practices for and continued research on facilitating bridges to self-sufficiency. The 4th annual report may also include a recommendation on making the demonstration project permanent upon completion of the demonstration project period.

The reports to the General Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in electronic form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the Secretary shall direct.