

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 12-8 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/12-8) (from Ch. 23, par. 12-8)

Sec. 12-8. Public Assistance Emergency Revolving Fund - Uses. The Public Assistance Emergency Revolving Fund, established by Act approved July 8, 1955 shall be held by the Illinois Department and shall be used for the following purposes:

1. To provide immediate financial aid to applicants in acute need who have been determined eligible for aid under Articles III, IV, or V.

2. To provide emergency aid to recipients under said Articles who have failed to receive their grants because of mail box or other thefts, or who are victims of a burnout, eviction, or other circumstances causing privation, in which cases the delays incident to the issuance of grants from appropriations would cause hardship and suffering.

3. To provide emergency aid for transportation, meals and lodging to applicants who are referred to cities other than where they reside for physical examinations to

establish blindness or disability, or to determine the incapacity of the parent of a dependent child.

4. To provide emergency transportation expense allowances to recipients engaged in vocational training and rehabilitation projects.

5. To assist public aid applicants in obtaining copies of birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses or other similar legal documents which may facilitate the verification of eligibility for public aid under this Code.

6. To provide immediate payments to current or former recipients of child support enforcement services, or refunds to responsible relatives, for child support made to the Illinois Department under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act when such recipients of services or responsible relatives are legally entitled to all or part of such child support payments under applicable State or federal law.

7. To provide payments to individuals or providers of transportation to and from medical care for the benefit of recipients under Articles III, IV, V, and VI.

8. To provide immediate payment of fees, as follows:

(A) To sheriffs and other public officials authorized by law to serve process in judicial and administrative child support actions in the State of Illinois and other states.

(B) To county clerks, recorders of deeds, and other public officials and keepers of real property records in order to perfect and release real property liens.

(C) To State and local officials in connection with the processing of Qualified Illinois Domestic Relations Orders.

Disbursements from the Public Assistance Emergency Revolving Fund shall be made by the Illinois Department.

Expenditures from the Public Assistance Emergency Revolving Fund shall be for purposes which are properly chargeable to appropriations made to the Illinois Department, or, in the case of payments under subparagraphs 6 and 8 ~~subparagraph 6~~, to the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund or the Child Support Administrative Fund, except that no expenditure, other than payment of the fees provided for under subparagraph 8 of this Section, shall be made for purposes which are properly chargeable to appropriations for the following objects: personal services; extra help; state contributions to retirement system; state contributions to Social Security; state contributions for employee group insurance; contractual services; travel; commodities; printing; equipment; electronic data processing; operation of auto equipment; telecommunications services; library books; and refunds. The Illinois Department shall reimburse the Public Assistance Emergency Revolving Fund by warrants drawn by the State Comptroller on the appropriation or appropriations which

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are so chargeable, or, in the case of payments under subparagraphs 6 and 8 ~~subparagraph 6~~, by warrants drawn on the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund or the Child Support Administrative Fund, payable to the Revolving Fund.

(Source: P.A. 92-111, eff. 1-1-02; 92-590, eff. 7-1-02; 93-632, eff. 2-1-04.)

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