



Sen. Linda Holmes

**Filed: 3/14/2019**

10100SB1704sam001

LRB101 09083 SLF 57839 a

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1704

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1704 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Harvest to Homes Pilot Program Act.

6 Section 3. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 finds that:

8 (1) In this State, nearly 1,500,000 people are struggling  
9 with hunger and of them 450,000 are children.

10 (2) This State has a potential agricultural surplus of  
11 2,600 acres.

12 (3) Reporting shows that 50% of food grown is lost before  
13 consumption, including product that is not suitable for sale,  
14 but still edible.

15 (4) Providing funding to connect agricultural surplus with  
16 food banks can reduce food insecurity within vulnerable

1 populations.

2 Section 5. Pilot program. Subject to appropriation, the  
3 Department of Agriculture, with meaningful input from  
4 stakeholders, shall develop an Illinois Harvest to Home Pilot  
5 Program for a period of 5 years under which eligible entities  
6 may receive funding annually to provide agriculture surplus to  
7 communities of need.

8 Section 10. Advisory Council. The program shall be  
9 administered by an organization selected by the Department and  
10 approved by the advisory council. The organization chosen must  
11 be a statewide organization whose membership is food banks. The  
12 advisory council will assist in the development of program  
13 rules and implementation. The advisory council shall be  
14 comprised of:

15 (1) one representative from the Department of Agriculture,  
16 designated by the Director of Agriculture;

17 (2) one representative from the Department of Human  
18 Services Illinois Commission to End Hunger;

19 (3) one representative from the Emergency Food System  
20 Working Group;

21 (4) one representative from the lead organization  
22 representing food banks;

23 (5) one representative from the State's largest general  
24 farm organization;

1           (6) one representative from the largest statewide  
2 organization representing specialty crops;

3           (7) one representative from the largest organization  
4 representing farmers markets;

5           (8) one representative from a non-profit organization  
6 focused on expanding access to healthy, local, sustainable food  
7 in the Chicago area; and

8           (9) one representative from a statewide organization  
9 working with farmers that specialize in sustainable and local  
10 food.

11           Section 15. Rulemaking. The Department of Agriculture  
12 shall adopt rules to implement the program no later than 90  
13 days after the effective date of this Act. These rules shall  
14 include, but are not limited to, entities and action eligible  
15 for funding, methods to connect growers to food banks and  
16 social service agencies, and methods to identify sources of  
17 surpluses. Aspects of the program that are eligible for funding  
18 may include:

19           (1) reimbursement to growers for picking, packing, and  
20 processing agricultural surplus;

21           (2) transportation to the food banks and social service  
22 agencies;

23           (3) reimbursement to food banks and social service agencies  
24 for storage and distribution costs;

25           (4) capacity building grants for food banks and social

1 service agencies to invest in facility upgrades for processing  
2 agricultural surplus;

3 (5) marketing and promotional activities related to the  
4 pilot program; and

5 (6) program administration.

6 Section 20. Reporting. An annual report shall be submitted  
7 from the advisory council, lead organization, and Department of  
8 Agriculture annually. After 3 years from the date of  
9 implementation of the Illinois Harvest to Homes Pilot Program  
10 and after 5 years from the date of implementation of the pilot  
11 program, the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with  
12 the Department of Human Services Commission to End Hunger shall  
13 submit a report to the General Assembly which documents the  
14 number of people served by the program information regarding  
15 the program's implementation.

16 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2026.

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