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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 971

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 971 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 8A-18 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/8A-18)

7 Sec. 8A-18. Application assistance fraud; SNAP; AABD;  
8 TANF. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an  
9 individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or  
10 joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to  
11 assist or represent another person in completing or submitting  
12 an application for benefits under the federal Supplemental  
13 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State's Aid to the  
14 Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) program, or the State's  
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, in  
16 exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP, AABD, or TANF

1 benefits or cash or any other form of payment from any other  
2 source. An applicant who receives such assistance or  
3 representation is not in violation of this Section.

4 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting  
5 an applicant from using the services of a non-profit  
6 organization, a licensed attorney, or any other authorized  
7 organization or agency that receives State or federal funding  
8 to assist persons in the preparation of an application for  
9 SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits or in appealing a denial of an  
10 application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits. ~~Nothing in this~~  
11 ~~Section shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant from~~  
12 ~~receiving such assistance or representation when appealing a~~  
13 ~~denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits.~~

14 (Source: P.A. 98-931, eff. 8-15-14.)".