



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2591

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.60 new

Amends the Administration Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a transitional benefits program for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that is designed in such a way that a SNAP beneficiary will not experience an immediate loss of benefits should his or her income exceed the maximum allowable income for the SNAP program. Provides that transitional benefits offered shall gradually step down the beneficiary's monthly benefit proportionate to the increase in the beneficiary's income thereby allowing for a transition to self-sufficiency while incentivizing work and financial stability. Sets forth how a SNAP beneficiary's transitional benefit will be determined under the transitional benefits program. Requires SNAP beneficiaries who are receiving transitional benefits to comply with all SNAP requirements, including work requirements. Makes implementation of the transitional benefits program subject to appropriation and any necessary federal waivers or approvals. Grants the Department rulemaking authority. Effective January 1, 2026.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 12-4.60 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.60 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.60. Transitional benefits program for SNAP
8 recipients. Subject to appropriation and any necessary federal
9 waivers or approvals, the Department of Human Services shall
10 develop and implement a transitional benefits program for the
11 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that is
12 designed in such a way that a SNAP beneficiary will not
13 experience an immediate loss of benefits should his or her
14 income exceed the maximum allowable income for the SNAP
15 program. The transitional benefits offered shall provide for a
16 transition to self-sufficiency while incentivizing work and
17 financial stability.

18 The transitional benefits offered shall gradually step
19 down the beneficiary's monthly benefit proportionate to the
20 increase in the beneficiary's income. The determination for a
21 beneficiary's transitional benefit shall be as follows: For
22 each percentage increase in the beneficiary's monthly
23 household income over the program's maximum allowable income

1 or \$6,250, adjusted for increases in cost-of-living, if any,
2 as of the preceding July over the level as of July of the
3 immediately preceding year of the Consumer Price Index for All
4 Urban Consumers, or successor index, published by the U.S.
5 Department of Labor, or its successor agency, whichever is
6 lower, up to 300% of the federal poverty level, the monthly
7 benefits shall be decreased by the same percentage.

8 Beneficiaries receiving transitional benefits under this
9 Section shall comply with all SNAP program requirements,
10 including work requirements.

11 The Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement
12 this Section.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
14 1, 2026.