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104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3126

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Mary Gill

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1005/1005-170 new

Amends the Department of Employment Security Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall create a self-employment assistance program to provide benefits to individuals who are working to start a business in the State and who are otherwise eligible to receive benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that a participant in the program shall be deemed to be actively engaged in seeking work as required under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that benefits paid to a participant in the program are considered to be benefits paid under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall adopt rules to implement and administer the program.

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A BILL FOR

1   AN ACT concerning State government.

2   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4   Section 5. The Department of Employment Security Law of

5   the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding

6   Section 1005-170 as follows:

7   (20 ILCS 1005/1005-170 new)

8   Sec. 1005-170. Self-employment assistance program. The

9   Department   of   Employment   Security   shall   create   a

10 self-employment assistance program to provide benefits to

11 individuals who are working to start a business in this State

12 and who are otherwise eligible to receive benefits under the

13 Unemployment Insurance Act. A participant in the program shall

14 be deemed to be actively engaged in seeking work as required

15 under paragraph (5) of subsection (K) of Section 409 of the

16 Unemployment Insurance Act. Except as provided in this

17 Section, benefits paid to a participant in the program are

18 considered to be benefits paid under the Unemployment

19 Insurance Act. The Department of Employment Security shall

20 adopt rules to implement and administer this Section.