

## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 HB4056

by Rep. Tony M. McCombie

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.01c new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Sara Lynn Act. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish and administer a Seniors Deserve Dignity Program that provides monthly supplemental personal needs payments to persons residing in supportive living facilities who receive medical assistance and a personal needs allowance as specified in the Illinois Administrative Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, a qualifying person shall receive a monthly supplemental personal needs payment in the amount of \$30 so that the person's total monthly personal needs allowance is no less than \$120. Provides that the monthly supplemental personal needs payments shall not be considered income for purposes of determining eligibility or the amount of assistance for any public aid benefit provided under State law. Grants the Department rulemaking authority. Effective July 1, 2025.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 1. Reference to Act. This Act may be referred to as the Sara Lynn Act.
- Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 5-5.01c as follows:
- 8 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.01c new)
- 9 Sec. 5-5.01c. Seniors Deserve Dignity Program; 10 supplemental personal needs payments. Subject to 11 appropriation, the Department shall establish and administer a Seniors Deserve Dignity Program that provides monthly 12 13 supplemental personal needs payments to persons residing in supportive living facilities authorized under Section 5-5.01a 14 15 who receive medical assistance under this Article and a personal needs allowance as specified in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 16 17 146.225(c). Beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, a qualifying person shall receive a monthly supplemental 18 19 personal needs payment in the amount of \$30 so that the 20 person's total monthly personal needs allowance is no less 21 than \$120. The monthly supplemental personal needs payments provided under the program shall not be considered income for 2.2

- 1 purposes of determining eligibility or the amount of
- 2 assistance for any public aid benefit provided under State
- 3 law. The Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement
- 4 the program.
- 5 As used in this Section, "Consumer Price Index-U" means
- 6 the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
- 7 <u>United States Department of Labor that measures the average</u>
- 8 change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban
- 9 consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 =
- 10 100.
- 11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
- 12 2025.