



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4377

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

310 ILCS 10/15 new

Amends the Housing Authorities Act. Provides that, unless otherwise required by federal law or regulation, a housing authority shall not establish or implement any rules, policies, or procedures that impose time limits or work requirements as a condition of initial or continued eligibility for any rent subsidy or assistance provided to qualifying tenants of the housing authority or to qualifying individuals through any rent subsidy or other housing assistance program administered by the housing authority. Permits a housing authority to establish, implement, or encourage an applicant or recipient of a rent subsidy or assistance to participate in a voluntary employment or job training program if the program: (1) does not impact the applicant's or recipient's initial or continued eligibility for the rent subsidy or assistance; and (2) has one of the specified goals for program participants, including, but not limited to, (i) increasing personal income, (ii) homeownership, or (iii) expanding employment options.

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1 AN ACT concerning housing.

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

4 Section 5. The Housing Authorities Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8.21 and by adding Section 15 as follows:

6 (310 ILCS 10/15 new)

7 Sec. 15. No time limits or work requirements.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Time limits" means any limitation on the duration of time
10 within which an individual may receive subsidized housing at a
11 housing development owned or operated by a housing authority
12 or rental assistance through any rent subsidy or other housing
13 assistance program administered by a housing authority, if the
14 individual is otherwise compliant with all other applicable
15 program requirements, including, but not limited to, the
16 timely payment of rent or other required housing costs.

17 "Work requirements" means any requirements to complete
18 work-related activities such as working, pursuing education,
19 participating in a work program, volunteering, or community
20 service.

21 (b) Unless otherwise required by federal law or
22 regulation, a housing authority shall not establish or
23 implement any rules, policies, or procedures that impose time

1 limits or work requirements as a condition of initial or
2 continued eligibility for any rent subsidy or assistance
3 provided to qualifying tenants of the housing authority or to
4 qualifying individuals through any rent subsidy or other
5 housing assistance program administered by the housing
6 authority.

7 A housing authority may establish, implement, or encourage
8 an applicant or recipient of a rent subsidy or assistance to
9 participate in a voluntary employment or job training program
10 if the program:

11 (1) does not impact the applicant's or recipient's
12 initial or continued eligibility for the rent subsidy or
13 assistance; and

14 (2) has any one of the following or related goals for
15 program participants:

16 (A) increasing personal income;

17 (B) generating financial savings;

18 (C) homeownership;

19 (D) increasing financial well-being and
20 creditworthiness;

21 (E) increasing educational attainment;

22 (F) acquiring job skills; or

23 (G) expanding employment options.