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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4730

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4730 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 12-4.13f as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13f new)

7 Sec. 12-4.13f. Families Receiving Emergency Support for  
8 Hunger (FRESH) Program.

9 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section, "SNAP benefits"  
10 refers to both SNAP benefits provided under Chapter 51 of  
11 Title 7 of the United States Code, and SNAP benefits provided  
12 under Article XVI of this Code.

13 (b) Eligibility. Subject to available funding, the  
14 Department of Human Services shall establish a Families  
15 Receiving Emergency Support for Hunger (FRESH) Program to  
16 provide FRESH benefits to individuals subject to termination

1 of their SNAP benefits, or a reduction in their household's  
2 monthly SNAP benefit allotment, if the termination or  
3 reduction in SNAP benefits occurred as a result of the  
4 individual failing to meet federal SNAP work requirements.

5 (c) Payment amount. Individuals eligible for FRESH  
6 benefits shall be provided a one-time lump sum payment equal  
7 to \$600. Multiple individuals within the same SNAP household  
8 may receive FRESH benefits as set forth in subsection (e).

9 (d) Issuance.

10 (1) The Department of Human Services shall issue FRESH  
11 benefits to eligible individuals automatically. The  
12 Department shall not require any application, action, or  
13 additional information from eligible individuals to  
14 receive FRESH benefits.

15 (2) Where the reduction or termination of SNAP  
16 benefits as set forth in subsection (b) occurred on or  
17 after May 1, 2026, but prior to the first of the month  
18 following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
19 104th General Assembly, the Department shall provide FRESH  
20 benefits within 10 calendar days.

21 (3) Where the reduction or termination of SNAP  
22 benefits as set forth in subsection (b) occurred on or  
23 after the first of the month following the effective date  
24 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the  
25 Department shall immediately issue FRESH benefits upon the  
26 effective date of the termination or reduction of SNAP

1 benefits as set forth in subsection (b).

2 (e) Individuals eligible for FRESH benefits shall be  
3 limited to one issuance of FRESH benefits per individual  
4 subject to a reduction or termination of SNAP benefits as set  
5 forth in subsection (b). Multiple individuals within the same  
6 SNAP household may receive FRESH benefits.

7 (f) FRESH benefits under this Section shall be provided to  
8 eligible individuals in the form of cash benefits distributed  
9 via disbursement to an Electronic Benefit Transfer card.

10 (g) Data reporting. The Department shall publish monthly  
11 data on the number of individuals who have received FRESH  
12 benefits and the amount of FRESH benefits issued to those  
13 individuals. The Department shall further provide this data as  
14 part of its annual report to the General Assembly. The report  
15 shall exclude any personally identifiable information.

16 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, and  
17 to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, for purposes  
18 of determining eligibility and the amount of other assistance  
19 under this Code, the Department of Human Services and local  
20 governmental units administering assistance under this Code,  
21 shall exclude from consideration any FRESH benefits provided  
22 under this Section.

23 (i) Program termination. The provisions of this Section  
24 are inoperative on and after July 1, 2027.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.".