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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 228

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 228 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 10-80 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-80 new)

7 Sec. 10-80. Diaper allowance pilot program.

8 (a) Legislative intent. The General Assembly finds that:

9 (1) According to the National Diaper Bank Network, one
10 out of every 2 families experience diaper insecurity.
11 Despite this growing need, there are limited government
12 programs available for families to access diapers.

13 (2) A lack of diapers has significant physical,
14 financial, and emotional impacts on young children and
15 their caregivers.

16 (3) In order for Illinois to be the best state in the

1 nation to raise a family, we must ensure caregivers are
2 able to access this basic need.

3 (b) As used in this Section:

4 "Eligible child" means any child who is 6 months old or
5 younger and whose primary residence is the State of Illinois.

6 "WIC" means the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
7 Women, Infants, and Children.

8 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
9 establish a 3-year pilot program that provides eligible
10 families with children a \$40 monthly diaper allowance for each
11 child 6 months old or younger from birth to 7 months of age. To
12 qualify for a diaper allowance, an applicant must meet one of
13 the following conditions at the time of application:

14 (1) be the parent, foster parent, or legal guardian
15 primarily responsible for an eligible child who receives
16 medical assistance under Article V of the Illinois Public
17 Aid Code; or

18 (2) be the parent, foster parent, or legal guardian
19 primarily responsible for an eligible child and have
20 household income that meets the income eligibility
21 guidelines for the applicable family size under the
22 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants,
23 and Children. The applicant or eligible child need not be
24 enrolled in the WIC program to qualify for a diaper
25 allowance under this paragraph so long as the applicant's
26 household income aligns with WIC income eligibility

1 requirements.

2 (d) All applications for a diaper allowance shall be made
3 to the appropriate local WIC office. WIC staff shall determine
4 eligibility and enroll qualifying families during either an
5 in-person or virtual appointment. Diaper allowance benefits
6 provided under the pilot program shall not be considered
7 income for purposes of determining eligibility or the amount
8 of assistance for any other public aid benefit provided under
9 State law.

10 (e) The Department shall administer the diaper allowance
11 pilot program through the Division of Family and Community
12 Services. Diaper allowance benefits shall be distributed in
13 the name of the applicant in a form and manner prescribed by
14 the Department. If possible, diaper allowance benefits may be
15 distributed electronically to the applicant by means of an
16 electronic benefits transfer card issued by the Department.
17 The Department may adopt any additional rules necessary to
18 implement the pilot program. At the end of the 3-year pilot
19 period, the Department shall evaluate the pilot program and
20 submit a report to the General Assembly with its findings on
21 the effectiveness of the pilot program. The report shall
22 include a recommendation on whether to renew the pilot program
23 or convert it into a permanent program.

24 (f) An advisory committee shall advise the Department on
25 the development and implementation of the diaper allowance
26 pilot program. The advisory committee shall include:

1 (1) the Secretary of Human Services, or the
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (2) the Governor, or the Governor's designee;

4 (3) one member appointed by the President of the
5 Senate;

6 (4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House
7 of Representatives; and

8 (5) three members appointed by the Governor as
9 follows:

10 (A) one member of a community-based organization
11 which currently distributes diapers to families;

12 (B) one member of an organization with experience
13 providing access to diapers to families via a debit
14 card or other electronic issuance method; and

15 (C) one caregiver who has been directly impacted
16 by a lack of diapers for his or her child.

17 The advisory committee shall be staffed by the Department
18 of Human Services and shall meet quarterly beginning September
19 1, 2025. The advisory committee shall dissolve at the end of
20 the 3-year pilot period, unless the pilot program is further
21 extended or converted into a permanent program.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law."