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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1298

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1298 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b)

7 Sec. 12-4.13b. College student eligibility for  
8 supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

9 (a) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(ii) of Title  
10 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a career and technical  
11 educational program offered at a community college and  
12 approved by the Illinois Community College Board that could be  
13 a component of a SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program,  
14 as identified by the Department of Human Services, shall be  
15 considered an employment and training program under Section  
16 273.7 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, unless

1 prohibited by federal law.

2 (a-5) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(iv) of  
3 Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, any program of  
4 study at a public institution of higher education improves  
5 employability and shall be considered equivalent to an  
6 acceptable SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program  
7 component under Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the Code of  
8 Federal Regulations, unless prohibited by federal law. As used  
9 in this subsection, "public institution of higher education"  
10 has the meaning ascribed to that term in Section 1 of the Board  
11 of Higher Education Act.

12 (b) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with  
13 representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the  
14 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Workforce  
15 Innovation Board, and advocates for students and SNAP  
16 recipients, shall establish a protocol to identify and verify  
17 all potential exemptions to the eligibility rule described in  
18 Section 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal  
19 Regulations, and to identify and verify a student's  
20 participation in educational programs, including, but not  
21 limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a  
22 student from the eligibility rule described in Section  
23 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To the  
24 extent possible, this consultation shall take place through  
25 existing workgroups convened by the Department of Human  
26 Services.

1 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture  
2 requires federal approval of the exemption designation  
3 established pursuant to subsection (a) and the protocol  
4 established pursuant to subsection (b), the Department of  
5 Human Services shall seek and obtain that approval before  
6 publishing the guidance or regulation required by subsection  
7 (e).

8 (d)(1) This Section does not require the Department of  
9 Human Services to offer a particular component, support  
10 services, or workers' compensation to a college student found  
11 eligible for an exemption pursuant to this Section.

12 (2) This Section does not restrict or require the use of  
13 federal funds for the financing of SNAP E&T programs.

14 (3) This Section does not require an institution of higher  
15 education to verify eligibility for SNAP.

16 (e) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules  
17 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (a),  
18 (a-5), (b), (c), and (d). Rulemaking shall not delay the full  
19 implementation of this Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-620, eff. 7-20-18; 101-560, eff. 8-23-19.)

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