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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1298

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1298, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

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

7 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b)

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

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

1 273.7 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, unless
2 prohibited by federal law.

3 (a-5)(1) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(iv) of
4 Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, any undergraduate
5 program of study that serves low-income students at a public
6 institution of higher education improves employability and
7 shall be considered equivalent to an acceptable SNAP E&T
8 program component under Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the
9 Code of Federal Regulations beginning March 1, 2026, unless
10 prohibited by federal law. As used in this subsection, "public
11 institution of higher education" has the meaning ascribed to
12 that term in Section 1 of the Board of Higher Education Act.

13 (2) On or before January 1, 2026, and every 3 years
14 thereafter, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the
15 Illinois Community College Board shall provide to the
16 Department of Human Services the percentage of students, by
17 program of study, who received grants under the federal Pell
18 Grant program and the State's Monetary Award Program (MAP) at
19 each institution of higher education from which they collect
20 MAP and Pell recipient data during the most recent academic
21 year. If any alternative data sources are available to
22 substantiate that programs of study at public colleges and
23 universities serve low-income students, that data may also be
24 provided to the Department of Human Services in lieu of Pell or
25 MAP data.

26 (3) Unless prohibited by federal law and subject to the

1 provisions of this paragraph, a graduate program of study at a
2 public institution of higher education shall be considered
3 equivalent to an acceptable SNAP E&T program component under
4 Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal
5 Regulations, for the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(iv) of
6 Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, if (i) the
7 institution has provided the Department of Human Services with
8 the percentage of its students within each program of study
9 during the most recent academic year with an Alternative
10 Application for Illinois Student Aid or Free Application for
11 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) expected family contribution of
12 zero or other available data on the income status of the
13 student population by program and (ii) the program of study
14 serves low-income students. An institution that elects to
15 provide such data to the Department of Human Services shall do
16 so on or before January 1 of a given year and every 3 years
17 thereafter and any programs of study for low-income students
18 shall be considered equivalent to an acceptable SNAP E&T
19 program component under Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the
20 Code of Federal Regulation as of March 1 of that year.

21 (4) Beginning March 1, 2026, the Department of Human
22 Services shall publish on its website an updated list of the
23 programs of study that serve low-income students by
24 institution of higher education as provided under this
25 subsection.

26 (b) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with

1 representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the
2 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Workforce
3 Innovation Board, and advocates for students and SNAP
4 recipients, shall establish a protocol to identify and verify
5 all potential exemptions to the eligibility rule described in
6 Section 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal
7 Regulations, and to identify and verify a student's
8 participation in educational programs, including, but not
9 limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a
10 student from the eligibility rule described in Section
11 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To the
12 extent possible, this consultation shall take place through
13 existing workgroups convened by the Department of Human
14 Services.

15 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture
16 requires federal approval of the exemption designation
17 established pursuant to subsection (a) and the protocol
18 established pursuant to subsection (b), the Department of
19 Human Services shall seek and obtain that approval before
20 publishing the guidance or regulation required by subsection
21 (e).

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

26 (2) This Section does not restrict or require the use of

1 federal funds for the financing of SNAP E&T programs.

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

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

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

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".