



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1857

Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Graciela Guzmán

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/16-2

Amends the Survivor Support And Trafficking Prevention Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Extends eligibility for cash assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes who are preparing to file an application for T Nonimmigrant status or other specified nonimmigrant status applications. Removes a provision conditioning such assistance on the availability of funding. Removes a provision excluding from cash assistance and SNAP eligibility foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes who are single adults without family members. Removes a provision excluding from SNAP eligibility foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes who reside in an institution or other setting that provides the majority of their daily meals. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 16-2 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/16-2)

7 Sec. 16-2. Eligibility. ~~A Subject to available funding, a~~
8 foreign-born victim of trafficking, torture, or other serious
9 crimes and the individual's derivative family members, ~~but not~~
10 ~~a single adult without derivative family members,~~ are eligible
11 for cash assistance or SNAP benefits under this Article if ~~the~~
12 ~~individual:~~

13 (a) the individual has filed:

14 (1) has filed or is preparing to file an
15 application for T Nonimmigrant status with the
16 appropriate federal agency pursuant to Section
17 1101(a)(15)(T) of Title 8 of the United States Code,
18 or is otherwise taking steps to meet the conditions
19 for federal benefits eligibility under Section 7105 of
20 Title 22 of the United States Code;

21 (2) has filed or is preparing to file a formal
22 application with the appropriate federal agency for
23 status pursuant to Section 1101(a)(15)(U) of Title 8

1 of the United States Code; or

2 (3) has filed or is preparing to file a formal
3 application with the appropriate federal agency for
4 status under Section 1158 of Title 8 of the United
5 States Code; and

6 (b) is otherwise eligible for cash assistance or SNAP
7 benefits, as applicable.

8 ~~An individual residing in an institution or other setting~~
9 ~~that provides the majority of the individual's daily meals is~~
10 ~~not eligible for SNAP benefits.~~

11 (Source: P.A. 103-588, eff. 6-5-24.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.