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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3277

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3277 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.".