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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3211

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3211 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 12-4.13b as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b new)

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

9 (a) (1) To complement student financial assistance programs  
10 and to enhance their effectiveness by more fully addressing the  
11 costs of attendance for students with financial needs, the  
12 Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) shall identify  
13 and flag college students who are potentially eligible to  
14 receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
15 benefits. The factors to be used to determine potential SNAP  
16 eligibility shall be determined in consultation with the

1 Department of Human Services, but at a minimum shall include  
2 income information reported on a college student's Free  
3 Application for Federal Student Aid. ISAC, in consultation with  
4 the Department of Human Services, shall develop a notice that  
5 ISAC shall make available electronically to institutions of  
6 higher education that includes, at a minimum, college student  
7 SNAP eligibility criteria, the Application for Benefits  
8 Eligibility's website address, and the Illinois Hunger  
9 Coalition's Hunger Hotline.

10 (2) Illinois institutions of higher education that  
11 participate in the Monetary Award Program shall provide the  
12 notice described in paragraph (1) in writing to all students  
13 who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment and are identified  
14 by ISAC as potentially SNAP eligible and, if possible, may  
15 designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to  
16 assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public  
17 benefits if eligible.

18 (3) ISAC shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the  
19 provisions of this subsection (a) on or before October 1, 2017.

20 (b) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b) (11) (ii) of Title 7  
21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, an educational program  
22 offered at a community college under the Carl D. Perkins Career  
23 and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Public Law  
24 109-270) that could be a component of a SNAP Employment and  
25 Training (E&T) program, as identified by the Department of  
26 Human Services, shall be considered an employment and training

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

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

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

22 (e) (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 (f) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules  
5 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (b), (c),  
6 (d), and (e) on or before October 1, 2017.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.".