

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 1-7 and by adding Section 12-4.51 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/1-7) (from Ch. 23, par. 1-7)

7 Sec. 1-7. (a) For purposes of determining eligibility for
8 assistance under this Code, the Illinois Department, County
9 Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude from
10 consideration restitution payments, including all income and
11 resources derived therefrom, made to persons of Japanese or
12 Aleutian ancestry pursuant to the federal Civil Liberties Act
13 of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Restitution Act,
14 P.L. 100-383.

15 (b) For purposes of any program or form of assistance where
16 a person's income or assets are considered in determining
17 eligibility or level of assistance, whether under this Code or
18 another authority, neither the State of Illinois nor any entity
19 or person administering a program wholly or partially financed
20 by the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions
21 shall include restitution payments, including all income and
22 resources derived therefrom, made pursuant to the federal Civil
23 Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island

1 Restitution Act, P.L. 100-383, in the calculation of income or
2 assets for determining eligibility or level of assistance.

3 (c) For purposes of determining eligibility for or the
4 amount of assistance under this Code, except for the
5 determination of eligibility for payments or programs under the
6 TANF employment, education, and training programs and the Food
7 Stamp Employment and Training Program, the Illinois
8 Department, County Departments, and local governmental units
9 shall exclude from consideration any financial assistance
10 received under any student aid program administered by an
11 agency of this State or the federal government, by a person who
12 is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student of any public
13 or private university, college, or community college in this
14 State.

15 (d) For purposes of determining eligibility for or the
16 amount of assistance under this Code, except for the
17 determination of eligibility for payments or programs under the
18 TANF employment, education, and training programs and the SNAP
19 Employment and Training Program, the Illinois Department,
20 County Departments, and local governmental units shall exclude
21 from consideration, for a period of 36 months, any financial
22 assistance, including wages, that is provided to a person who
23 is enrolled in a demonstration project that is not funded with
24 general revenue funds and that is intended as a bridge to
25 self-sufficiency by offering (i) intensive workforce support
26 and training and (ii) support services for new and expectant

1 parents that are intended to foster multi-generational healthy
2 families as described in Section 12-4.51.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-111, eff. 1-1-02.)

4 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.51 new)

5 Sec. 12-4.51. Workforce training and healthy families
6 demonstration project.

7 (a) Subject to the availability of funds provided for this
8 purpose by the federal government, local philanthropic or
9 charitable sources, or other private sources, there is created
10 a 5-year demonstration project within the Department of Human
11 Services to provide an intensive workforce training program for
12 entry level workers and a multi-generational healthy family
13 initiative. No general revenue funds may be used to fund the
14 demonstration project created under this Section. The
15 demonstration project shall be implemented no later than 6
16 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
17 100th General Assembly and shall terminate 5 years after the
18 initial date of implementation. The demonstration project
19 shall be operated and maintained by a non-profit,
20 community-based entity that shall provide the majority of the
21 wages earned by participants enrolled in the workforce training
22 program as well as support services to families, including new
23 and expectant parents, enrolled in the multi-generational
24 healthy family initiative. The total number of participants in
25 the 5-year demonstration project at any one time shall not

1 exceed 500. Participants enrolled in the workforce training
2 program or the multi-generational healthy family initiative
3 shall qualify to have whatever financial assistance they
4 receive from their participation excluded from consideration
5 for purposes of determining eligibility for or the amount of
6 assistance under this Code as provided in subsection (d) of
7 Section 1-7. The selected entity must immediately notify the
8 Department of Human Services or the Department of Healthcare
9 and Family Services whenever a participant enrolled in the
10 workforce training program or the multi-generational healthy
11 family initiative leaves the demonstration project and ceases
12 to participate in any of the programs under the demonstration
13 making the participant ineligible to receive an exemption as
14 provided in subsection (d) of Section 1-7.

15 (b) The entity selected to operate and maintain the
16 demonstration project shall be a non-profit, community-based
17 entity in good standing with the State that is located in a
18 county with a population of less than 3,000,000. The selected
19 entity must comply with all applicable State and federal
20 requirements and must develop and implement a research
21 component to determine the effectiveness of the demonstration
22 project in promoting and instilling self-sufficiency through
23 its intensive workforce training program and
24 multi-generational healthy family initiative. The State shall
25 not fund the research component outlined in the Section or any
26 program under the demonstration project.

1 (c) Beginning one year after the initial implementation
2 date of the demonstration project, and each year thereafter for
3 the duration of the demonstration, the selected entity shall
4 submit a report to the Department of Human Services, the
5 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the General
6 Assembly that details the progress and effectiveness of the
7 demonstration project and the demonstration's impact on
8 instilling the value of self-sufficiency in participants. The
9 4th annual report shall also provide policy recommendations on
10 best practices for and continued research on facilitating
11 bridges to self-sufficiency. The 4th annual report may also
12 include a recommendation on making the demonstration project
13 permanent upon completion of the demonstration project period.

14 The reports to the General Assembly shall be filed with the
15 Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the
16 Senate in electronic form only, in the manner that the Clerk
17 and the Secretary shall direct.