

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 adding Section 9A-11.10 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/9A-11.10 new)

7 Sec. 9A-11.10. Tiered-reimbursement rate system for child  
8 care providers; field test.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human  
10 Services shall field test a tiered-reimbursement rate system  
11 for child care providers. The purpose of this field test of a  
12 tiered-reimbursement rate system is to demonstrate a set of  
13 performance standards that may provide support and economic  
14 incentives to help programs meet the standards that help  
15 children grow and learn and to help families identify high  
16 quality child care programs.

17 (b) The Department shall conduct a field test of the  
18 quality rating system instruments to determine the  
19 infrastructure necessary to adequately support a more  
20 comprehensive tiered-reimbursement system and to determine the  
21 baseline of quality for a sample of current child care  
22 providers. Based on the results of the field test, the  
23 Department may prescribe by rule the criteria, standards, and  
24 procedures that will govern the reimbursement system. The  
25 Department shall evaluate the results of the field test and  
26 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
27 Governor and the General Assembly upon completion of the field  
28 test.

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.