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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1298

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1298 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 12-4.13b as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.13b)

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

9 (a) For the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(ii) of Title
10 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a career and technical
11 educational program offered at a community college and
12 approved by the Illinois Community College Board that could be
13 a component of a SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program,
14 as identified by the Department of Human Services, shall be
15 considered an employment and training program under Section
16 273.7 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, unless

1 prohibited by federal law.

2 (a-5) (1) Subject to any required federal approval, for the
3 purposes of Section 273.5(b) (11) (iv) of Title 7 of the Code of
4 Federal Regulations, any undergraduate program of study that
5 serves low-income students at a public institution of higher
6 education improves employability and shall be considered
7 equivalent to an acceptable SNAP E&T program component under
8 Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations
9 beginning March 1, 2028. As used in this subsection, "public
10 institution of higher education" has the meaning ascribed to
11 that term in Section 1 of the Board of Higher Education Act.

12 (2) As required under paragraph (1) and subject to any
13 required federal approval, on or before January 1, 2028, and
14 every year thereafter, the Illinois Board of Higher Education
15 and the Illinois Community College Board shall provide to the
16 Department of Human Services the percentage of students, by
17 program of study, who received grants under the federal Pell
18 Grant program and the State's Monetary Award Program (MAP) at
19 each institution of higher education from which they collect
20 MAP and Pell recipient data during the most recent academic
21 year. If any alternative data sources are available to
22 substantiate that programs of study at public colleges and
23 universities serve low-income students, that data may also be
24 provided to the Department of Human Services in lieu of Pell or
25 MAP data.

26 (3) Subject to any required federal approval and to the

1 provisions of this subsection, a graduate program of study at
2 a public institution of higher education shall be considered
3 equivalent to an acceptable SNAP E&T program component under
4 Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal
5 Regulations, for the purposes of Section 273.5(b)(11)(iv) of
6 Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, if (i) the
7 institution has provided the Department of Human Services with
8 the percentage of its students within each program of study
9 during the most recent academic year with an Alternative
10 Application for Illinois Student Aid or Free Application for
11 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) expected family contribution of
12 zero or other available data on the income status of the
13 student population by program and (ii) the program of study
14 serves low-income students. An institution that elects to
15 provide such data to the Department of Human Services shall do
16 so on or before January 1 of a given year and every year
17 thereafter and any programs of study for low-income students
18 shall be considered equivalent to an acceptable SNAP E&T
19 program component under Section 273.7(e) of Title 7 of the
20 Code of Federal Regulations as of March 1 of that year.

21 (4) (A) Beginning March 1, 2028, and every March 1
22 thereafter, the Department of Human Services shall publish on
23 its website an updated list of the programs of study that serve
24 low-income students by institutions of higher education as
25 provided under this subsection.

26 (B) Beginning March 1, 2029 and every March 1 thereafter,

1 the Department of Human Services shall publish available data
2 on the number of students who are enrolled in the SNAP program
3 at any point during the prior calendar year, including the
4 race, ethnicity, age, gender, and household size of those
5 students

6 (b) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with
7 representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the
8 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Workforce
9 Innovation Board, and advocates for students and SNAP
10 recipients, shall establish a protocol to identify and verify
11 all potential exemptions to the eligibility rule described in
12 Section 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal
13 Regulations, and to identify and verify a student's
14 participation in educational programs, including, but not
15 limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a
16 student from the eligibility rule described in Section
17 273.5(a) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To the
18 extent possible, this consultation shall take place through
19 existing workgroups convened by the Department of Human
20 Services.

21 (c) If the United States Department of Agriculture
22 requires federal approval of the exemption designation
23 established pursuant to subsection (a) and the protocol
24 established pursuant to subsection (b), the Department of
25 Human Services shall seek and obtain that approval before
26 publishing the guidance or regulation required by subsection

1 (e).

2 (d) (1) This Section does not require the Department of
3 Human Services to offer a particular component, support
4 services, or workers' compensation to a college student found
5 eligible for an exemption pursuant to this Section.

6 (2) This Section does not restrict or require the use of
7 federal funds for the financing of SNAP E&T programs.

8 (3) This Section does not require an institution of higher
9 education to verify eligibility for SNAP.

10 (e) The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules
11 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (a),
12 (a-5), (b), (c), and (d). Rulemaking shall not delay the full
13 implementation of subsection (a-5).

14 (Source: P.A. 100-620, eff. 7-20-18; 101-560, eff. 8-23-19.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."