

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 12-4.57 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.57 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.57. Stolen SNAP benefits via card skimming; data  
8 collection and reports.

9 (a) As the State administrator of benefits provided under  
10 the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
11 (SNAP), the Department of Human Services shall track and  
12 collect data on the scope and frequency of SNAP benefits fraud  
13 in this State where a SNAP recipient's benefits are stolen  
14 from the recipient's electronic benefits transfer card by  
15 means of card skimming, card cloning, or some other similar  
16 fraudulent method. The Department shall specifically keep a  
17 record of every report made to the Department by a SNAP  
18 recipient alleging the theft of benefits due to no fault of the  
19 recipient, the benefit amount stolen, and, if practicable, how  
20 those stolen benefits were used and the location of those  
21 thefts.

22 (b) The Department shall report its findings to the  
23 General Assembly on an annual basis beginning on January 1,

1 2024. The Department shall file an annual report no later than  
2 the 60th day of the following year following each reporting  
3 period. A SNAP recipient's personally identifiable information  
4 shall be excluded from the reports consistent with State and  
5 federal privacy protections. Each annual report shall also be  
6 posted on the Department's official website.

7 (c) If the Department determines that a SNAP recipient has  
8 made a substantiated report of stolen benefits due to card  
9 skimming, card cloning, or some other similar fraudulent  
10 method, the Department shall refer the matter to the State's  
11 Attorney who has jurisdiction over the alleged theft or fraud  
12 and shall provide any assistance to that State's Attorney in  
13 the prosecution of the alleged theft or fraud.