

1 AN ACT in relation to 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-11.3 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/9A-11.3 new)

7 Sec. 9A-11.3. First Year at Home Demonstration Program.
8 Beginning October 1, 2001, the Department of Human Services
9 shall, subject to a specific appropriation for this purpose,
10 operate a First Year at Home Demonstration Program. The
11 Program shall provide funding for one parent of a newborn
12 infant to stay at home to care for the child during the
13 child's first year rather than place the child in out-of-home
14 care. For a period beginning 6 weeks after the birth of a
15 child and up to the child's first birthday, the Department
16 shall pay monthly to an eligible family an amount equal to
17 90% of the licensed day care home provider rate, minus any
18 required co-payment, not to exceed 10% less than the
19 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families monthly cash
20 assistance payment level for a family of the same size in
21 that family's county of residence.

22 To be eligible for the First year at Home Program the
23 family must be otherwise income eligible for subsidized child
24 care provided by the Department and must not be a recipient
25 of cash assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy
26 Families program. The stay at home parent must provide
27 documentation of work participation for 6 out of the 15
28 months prior to the birth of the child.

29 To the extent feasible, the Department shall issue a
30 utilization report which shall include, but not be limited
31 to, data on the number of families participating in the

1 program, the income of families participating when they apply
2 for the program, the size of families participating in the
3 program, the number of parents in the household, the county
4 of residence of families participating in the Program, and
5 the effect of the Program on availability of infant day care.
6 The Department shall issue an interim report to the General
7 Assembly by December 31, 2002 and a final report by April 30,
8 2005. This Demonstration Program shall end on December 31,
9 2004.