

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 changing Section 12-4.11 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.11) (from Ch. 23, par. 12-4.11)

7 Sec. 12-4.11. Grant amounts. The Department, with due  
8 regard for and subject to budgetary limitations, shall  
9 establish grant amounts for each of the programs, by  
10 regulation. The grant amounts may vary by program, size of  
11 assistance unit and geographic area.

12 Aid payments shall not be reduced except: (1) for changes  
13 in the cost of items included in the grant amounts, or (2)  
14 for changes in the expenses of the recipient, or (3) for  
15 changes in the income or resources available to the  
16 recipient, or (4) for changes in grants resulting from  
17 adoption of a consolidated grant amount.

18 In fixing standards to govern payments or reimbursements  
19 for funeral and burial expenses, the Department shall take  
20 into account the services essential to a dignified, low-cost  
21 funeral and burial, including reasonable amounts that may be  
22 necessary for burial space and cemetery charges, and any  
23 applicable taxes or other required governmental fees or  
24 charges. For the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002  
25 and for each State fiscal year thereafter, the standards must  
26 provide for an annual increase equal to the percentage  
27 increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
28 for all items published by the United States Department of  
29 Labor for the preceding fiscal year or 3%, whichever is  
30 greater.

1           Nothing contained in this Section or in any other Section  
2 of this Code shall be construed to prohibit the Illinois  
3 Department (1) from consolidating existing standards on the  
4 basis of any standards which are or were in effect on, or  
5 subsequent to July 1, 1969, or (2) from employing any  
6 consolidated standards in determining need for public aid and  
7 the amount of money payment or grant for individual  
8 recipients or recipient families.

9           (Source: P.A. 90-17, eff. 7-1-97; 90-326, eff. 8-8-97;  
10 90-372, eff. 7-1-98; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-24, eff.  
11 7-1-99.)