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Conyears-Ervin Working to Help SNAP Eligible Students

CHICAGO – According to recent studies, many college students do not know where they will get their next meal from. State Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin, D-Chicago, is working to help students who face food insecurity by sponsoring legislation that uses financial aid information to determine and notify colleges students that are potentially eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

“There is a large, unknown problem at many of our colleges and universities where some students do not know where they will get their next meal,” Conyears-Ervin said. “I am working to address this problem by ensuring students who are eligible for SNAP assistance are aware of that.”

Conyears-Ervin’s legislation instructs the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), in consultation with the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and colleges and universities, to create an electronic notification program to identify and notify students who are potentially eligible for SNAP. The aim of the legislation is to inform students of established programs to help them become more food secure.

“This common-sense bill takes information our schools already collect and uses that to inform students about assistance that is already available to them,” Conyears-Ervin said. “During this budget crisis in Illinois, I will continue to work on creative solutions to help our community and our children be successful.”

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