AN ACT concerning finance.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 5.640 as follows:

(30 ILCS 105/5.640 new)

Sec. 5.640. The Computer Investment Program Fund.

Section 10. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is amended by adding Sections 5-50 and 5-55 as follows:

(30 ILCS 780/5-50 new)

Sec. 5-50. Computer Investment Program.

(a) Subject to appropriation, the Department may administer the Computer Investment Program under which the Department may assist low-income families in 5 digital divide impacted communities in the State, as determined by the Department, in reimbursing a portion of the cost for a recently purchased new or used home computer.

(b) The grant awarded by the Department shall not exceed $225 per applicant.

(c) The applicant must show proof of purchase for the computer in the form of a store receipt.

(d) The Department shall prepare a store verification form that must be filled out at the time of purchase by a store manager or assistant manager. This form must be submitted to the Department as part of the grant application.

(e) To be eligible to apply for a grant under this Act, an applicant must have a child that:

(1) is enrolled in a public school in which not less than 40% of the students are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch program, or in

which not less than 30% of the students are eligible for a free lunch under the national school lunch program in this State;

(2) receives free or reduced school lunch under the national school lunch program;

(3) has a passing grade point average;

(4) has a good attendance record;

(5) has resided in this State for a minimum of 6 months; and

(6) completes a basic computer course at one of the community technology centers designated by the Department.

(f) The Department shall adopt rules to implement and administer the Program.

(30 ILCS 780/5-55 new)

Sec. 5-55. Computer Investment Program Fund. The Computer Investment Program Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, by the Department for grants made under Section 5-50 of this Act.