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Dept./Agy.: Department of Children and Family Services

Subject: Expansion of Education & Training for SNAP Recipients

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Provides relative to work requirements within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (gov sig)

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) from seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing any work requirement waiver not exercised and from exercising the state's option to provide any exemptions from the work requirement for SNAP. <u>Proposed law</u> requires the department to create and implement an expansion plan to deliver employment and training services and include a timeline of when the department expects to be at capacity to deliver services statewide. The department must provide assignments to all individuals over the age of 17 and under the age of 60 to an employment and training program, exemptions for certain individuals. <u>Proposed law</u> requires the department to annually submit a report with certain information to the legislature and the governor along with recommendations on leveraging resources and services with community partners and state agencies involved in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Plan. <u>Proposed law</u> is effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

OR SEE FISC NOTE

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW					
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in a minimal increase in workload in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a result of creating an expansion plan to deliver employment and training services to every eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participant. The proposed law requires the department to create and implement an expansion plan for employment and training services (E & T) assignments (work requirement) to SNAP recipients. The proposed law requires DCFS to submit an annual report, with timelines, to the legislature and governor on the status of the plan along with recommendations for additional funding sources for workforce training and leveraging resources and services to grow the capacity of the statewide workforce expansion initiative.

To the extent the department is able to expand E & T assignments statewide to all eligible SNAP recipients in future fiscal years, the proposed law may result in an incremental expenditure increase associated with expanding existing contracts and/or entering into new contracts with E & T providers. The timeline for statewide implementation is speculative. DCFS reports it has two (2) full-time employees who would be dedicated to implementing the statewide expansion. Currently, DCFS contracts with 37 providers that serve a total of 3,923 SNAP E & T participants, including 442 able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs), for a total administrative cost of \$9,018,639. The average cost is \$2,299 per SNAP E & T participant (\$9,018,639 contract provider cost /3,923 participants = \$2,299). Also, the DCFS would need additional contract providers or to expand existing contract providers to support increased E & T assignments as a result of statewide implementation. The proposed law requires DCFS to expend all its Federal employment and training grant funding, directs any additional funding to E & T assignments, and leverages resources with community partners and state agencies included in the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act State Plan. If DCFS is able to utilize other means of revenue from these sources, any future SGF expenditure increase in future fiscal years may be mitigated partially or completely.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded and directly sent to participants. If, upon successful completion of E & T assignments, SNAP recipients increase their income to a level in which they no longer qualify for the SNAP program, federal funds used to pay benefits would be reduced.

13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	House $6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}$	Tomor Momor