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 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
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 Sub. Bill For.: **REVISED**

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Subject: Prohibits SNAP Work Requirement Waivers		

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

Proposed law 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. Proposed law 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 institute a comprehensive, statewide work requirement for able-bodied adults up to fifty-two years old without any dependents who receive SNAP benefits in this state. Proposed law 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. Proposed law is effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	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

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reports the proposed law will have no material impact on expenditures. The proposed law prohibits DCFS from seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing any work requirement waiver and prohibits the department from exercising the state's option to provide any exemptions from the work requirement for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp program).

The federal Fiscal Responsibility Act (known as the SNAP Time Limit) limits the duration of SNAP benefits for able bodied adult without dependents (ABAWDs) to 3 months in a 3-year period unless they meet work requirements or receive an exemption. Since this proposed law prohibits exemptions, (ABAWDs), aged 18 to 52 years old would be considered Mandatory Work Registrants (MWRs).

Once the current ABAWD waiver expires in August 2024, the department would have to mail notification letters to approximately 30,517 SNAP ABAWD recipients (as of February 2024) indicating the minimum work requirements of the program in order to be exempt from the 3 month time limit. Also, DCFS would have to change the programming of the eligibility software to require redeterminations at 3-month time intervals instead of the current programming of verifications at 6-month time intervals. These costs are indeterminable and speculative based on the number of individuals falling within eligibility categories.

Currently, DCFS contracts with 37 providers that serve a total of 3,923 SNAP employment and training program (E & T) participants, including 442 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). DCFS has indicated that participation in E & T programs is not mandatory but voluntary. To the extent capacity is not available to provide E & T programming to ABAWDs, those individuals may be required to seek alternate options to maintain eligibility.

It is unknown the number of ABAWDs that will begin participating in E & T programs to avoid the 3 month limit. To the extent that participation in E & T programs by ABAWDs increases and the department is able to expand E & T assignments statewide to all eligible and willing ABAWDs 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.

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.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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