

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2553 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY PASHINSKI, CRUZ, GALLOWAY, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 26, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 26, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 establishing the SNAP Healthy Bucks Incentive Program.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 405.1C. SNAP Healthy Bucks Incentive Program.--(a)
11 There is established in the department a program which shall be
12 known as the SNAP Healthy Bucks Incentive Program. The
13 department, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture,
14 shall administer the program. The program shall provide a
15 benefit reimbursement of fifty cents (50¢) to a SNAP participant
16 for every one dollar (\$1) of SNAP benefits redeemed by the SNAP
17 participant for the targeted food items specified under
18 subsection (b).

19 (b) The targeted food items eligible for a benefit

1 reimbursement under the program must meet the criteria specified
2 in the definition of "food" in section 3(k) of the Food and
3 Nutrition Act of 2008 (Public Law 88-525, 7 U.S.C. § 2012(k))
4 and shall be any of the following:

5 (1) Fruits and vegetables, whether fresh, frozen or dried.

6 (2) A product under the act of April 28, 1937 (P.L.417,
7 No.105), known as the Milk Marketing Law.

8 (3) An agricultural commodity designated with the
9 Pennsylvania Preferred® trademark.

10 (c) Benefit reimbursements received under the program shall
11 be capped per month for each SNAP eligible household as follows:

12 (1) For households with no more than two individuals, forty
13 dollars (\$40).

14 (2) For households with no more than five individuals, sixty
15 dollars (\$60).

16 (3) For households with six or more individuals, eighty
17 dollars (\$80).

18 (d) The mechanism for delivering benefit reimbursements
19 under the program shall be determined by the department, in
20 conjunction with the Department of Agriculture.

21 (e) The department, in conjunction with the Department of
22 Agriculture, shall use all of the following for benefit
23 reimbursements under the program:

24 (1) Money appropriated by the General Assembly for benefit
25 reimbursements under the program.

26 (2) Any other money made available for benefit
27 reimbursements under the program by Federal appropriation,
28 donation or from any other source.

29 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
30 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

1 "Program" means the SNAP Healthy Bucks Incentive Program.

2 "SNAP" means the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

3 Program.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.