



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1659

PRINTERS NO. 3461

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1659, Printer's Number 3461, amends the Human Services Code regarding work requirement waivers in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 1659 amends the Human Services Code by adding a new section regarding work requirements for SNAP that prohibits the Department of Human Services (DHS) from applying for, accepting or renewing waivers of the work requirements without prior approval of the General Assembly.

To the extent permitted by Federal law, as a condition of participation and continuing eligibility for SNAP benefits, an adult recipient shall comply with and submit proof of compliance with at least one of the following:

- The recipient has been employed for an average of at least 20 hours per week;
- The recipient engaged in at least 24 hours of community service per month;
- The recipient participates in a work program for at least 20 hours per week;
- The recipient is enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education.

The work requirements do not apply to individuals who are exempt under Section (6) (O) (3) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. § 2015 (O) (3)).

DHS must provide notice to adult recipients on the date of annual renewal that eligibility will be terminated if the recipient fails to meet the requirements and locations where assistance to meet the requirements is available. DHS must also provide a form notice to county assistance offices that eligibility for SNAP shall be terminated three months after the notice if the recipient fails to comply with the work, community service or education requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to DHS, there are approximately 83,000 adult SNAP recipients that are currently covered by a work requirement waiver, the average training program cost per recipient is \$2,500 and these costs are eligible for 50% federal matching funds. It is not possible

to estimate the number of recipients who would utilize a training program to meet the requirements. DHS estimates federal savings of \$125 per month for each adult recipient that no longer receives SNAP benefits.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*