

HOUSE BILL 666

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By: **Delegates Shetty, Edelson, Kaufman, ~~and Solomon~~ Solomon, J. Long, and Henson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ lowering the minimum age that a member of a household
4 must be for eligibility for a State–provided supplemental benefit under the
5 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; increasing the amount of the
6 supplemental benefit that the State must provide; and generally relating to the
7 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Human Services
10 Section 5–501
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 5–501.

17 (a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
18 Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1 (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:

2 (i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this
3 subtitle; and

4 (ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with § 5–506 of this
5 subtitle.

6 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the
7 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.

8 (c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition
9 Assistance Program:

10 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

11 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

12 (d) If a household includes an individual who ~~is~~ is at least ~~62~~ **60** years old and
13 receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than ~~[\$40]~~ ~~\$95~~ **\$50** per month under
14 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to
15 increase the total benefit to ~~[\$40]~~ ~~\$95~~ **\$50** per month.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.