



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 972

SENATE BILL NO. 2071

By Johnson, Bailey, Bowling, Jackson, Pody, Rose, Stevens, Walley, White

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2096

By Lamberth, Griffey, Sherrell, Todd, Ragan, White, Moody, Vital, Alexander, Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to the food stamp program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)(1) The department shall submit a report to the general assembly no later than October 31, 2022, and annually thereafter, to include the following:

(A) Information from the preceding federal fiscal year related to all instances in which the department sought, applied for, accepted, or renewed a waiver of or exemption to work requirements under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) during that federal fiscal year, including details about why the waiver or exemption was sought, applied for, accepted, or renewed, the duration of the waiver or exemption, and the location where the waiver or exemption was applicable; and

(B) Information from the preceding federal fiscal year related to the number of recipients receiving SNAP benefits in this state, the amount of benefits received, the number of recipients subject to the work requirements of SNAP, and the number of recipients participating in the SNAP employment and training program.

(2) The report may be submitted electronically.

(b) The department shall not provide an exemption under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)(6)(E) from the work requirements applicable to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) if the individual:

(1) Refuses, at the time of application and every twelve (12) months thereafter, to register for employment in a manner prescribed by the United States department of agriculture;

(2) Refuses, without good cause, to participate in an employment and training program to the extent required by the department;

(3) Refuses, without good cause, to provide the department with sufficient information to allow the department to determine the employment status or the job availability of the individual; or

(4) Voluntarily and without good cause quits a job or reduces work effort and, after the reduction, the individual is working less than thirty (30) hours per week.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 18, 2022


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2022


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR