



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1099**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 2043**

**By Yarbro, Akbari, Campbell, Lamar**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2565

By Hakeem, Hardaway, Thompson, Clemmons, Ramsey, Lamar, Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As allowed via federal department of agriculture waiver of the physical presence requirement in 42 U.S.C. § 1786(d)(3)(C), the department of health may utilize remote use of the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children at a substantially similar level as has been available during calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022. The department may promote remote use options and educate eligible recipients about remote use.

(b) The department of health shall conduct a review of remote use of the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children and deliver a report to the chairs of the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives no later than December 15, 2022. The report must include information on best practices, resources, and communications utilized during the remote use period.

(c) As used in this section, "remote use" means effectuating the requirements of the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children via telephone, audio video equipment, or similar technology.

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

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PASSED: April 27, 2022

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR