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# H. R. 5362

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to enhance the operation of the employment and training program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELBENE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SNAP E&T Enhance-  
5 ments Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO SNAP E&T.**

7 The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011  
8 et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection 5(d)—

1 (A) in paragraph (18) by striking “and” at  
2 the end,

3 (B) in paragraph (19) by striking the pe-  
4 riod at the end and inserting “; and”, and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (19) the  
6 following:

7 “(20) income a household member receives from  
8 allowances, earning, and payments to household  
9 members participating in any program defined in  
10 section 6(o)(1), any program established under sec-  
11 tion 6(d)(4), any vocational rehabilitation program  
12 established and defined under the Rehabilitation Act  
13 of 1973, and any refugee employment program es-  
14 tablished and defined under section 412(c) of the  
15 Immigration and Nationality Act.”,

16 (2) in section 6—

17 (A) in subsection (d)(4)(B)(i)—

18 (i) in subclause (IV) by striking “Pro-  
19 grams” and all that follows through  
20 “shall” and inserting “Programs designed  
21 to improve the employability of household  
22 members through actual work experience  
23 or training, or both, and to enable individ-  
24 uals employed or trained under such pro-  
25 grams to move promptly into regular pub-

1           lic or private employment, including sub-  
2           sidized employment, on-the-job training as  
3           defined by the Workforce Innovation and  
4           Opportunity Act, and apprenticeships. An  
5           employment or training experience pro-  
6           gram established under this clause shall”,  
7           and

8                   (ii) in subclause (VII) by striking  
9                   “90” and inserting “180”, and

10           (B) in subparagraph (I) by amending  
11           clause (i) to read as follows:

12                   “(i) The State agency may provide  
13                   payments or reimbursements to partici-  
14                   pants in programs carried out under this  
15                   paragraph, including individuals partici-  
16                   pating under subparagraph (G) for the ac-  
17                   tual costs to address barriers for individ-  
18                   uals to persist in and complete their par-  
19                   ticipation.”,

20           (3) in section 6(d)(2) by adding at the end the  
21           following: “In the case of any individual who is a re-  
22           cipient of supplemental nutrition assistance program  
23           benefits and is exempt from requirements by the  
24           State agency specified in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) of this  
25           subsection, the individual may request that a pro-

1 vider of supplemental nutrition assistance program  
2 employment and training services screen the recipi-  
3 ent for appropriateness for participation in the serv-  
4 ice program, notwithstanding any determination by  
5 the State agency of eligibility of the individual for  
6 such services. The provider shall notify the State  
7 agency of any individuals the provider identifies as  
8 appropriate for the program and verify other eligi-  
9 bility conditions from the State for the supplemental  
10 nutrition assistance program prior to enrollment in  
11 the service program.”, and

12 (4) in section 16(h)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (I) by striking “\$103,900,000”

16 and inserting “\$119,900,600”, and

17 (II) by striking “24 months” and

18 inserting “36 months”, and

19 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(ii) by strik-

20 ing “270” and inserting “365”, and

21 (B) by amending subparagraph (4) to read

22 as follows:

23 “(4) Funds provided to a State agency under this

24 subsection may be used only for operating an employment

25 and training program under section 6(d)(4), including

1 wages paid under programs described in  
2 6(d)(4)(B)(i)(IV), or a pilot project under paragraph  
3 (1)(F), and may not be used for carrying out other provi-  
4 sions of this Act.”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

6 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
7 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this  
8 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of this Act.

10 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
11 ments made by this Act shall not apply with respect to  
12 certification periods that begin before the effective date  
13 of this Act. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide  
14 States with not less than a 180-day hold harmless period  
15 after the date on which the Secretary issues guidance to  
16 implement the amendments made by this Act.

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