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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 2366**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **220th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes State SNAP Minimum Benefit Program; appropriates \$18 million to DHS.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on June 23, 2022, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning <sup>1</sup>**【supplemental】** minimum monthly<sup>1</sup> benefits  
2 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
3 supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes, and making an  
4 appropriation.  
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
7 *of New Jersey:*  
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9 <sup>1</sup>**【**1. a. The Division of Family Development in the Department  
10 of Human Services shall issue a monthly supplemental benefit of  
11 \$15 to each eligible enrollee of SNAP, provided that the enrollee is  
12 a senior citizen or an individual with a disability. The division shall  
13 distribute the monthly supplemental benefit via the enrollee's  
14 existing SNAP electronic benefits card, on the same issuance date  
15 as the enrollee's standard SNAP benefits. An enrollee shall use the  
16 monthly supplemental benefit issued pursuant to this section in the  
17 same manner as, and in compliance with, all State and federal laws  
18 and regulations that apply to the use of the enrollee's standard  
19 SNAP benefits.

20 b. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply to the  
21 Food and Nutrition Service within the United States Department of  
22 Agriculture for any necessary waivers or approvals to implement  
23 the provisions of this act.

24 c. As used in this act:

25 "Individual with a disability" means an individual who meets one  
26 of the following requirements by the last day of the month in which  
27 the SNAP supplemental benefit is being issued: (1) receives federal  
28 disability or blindness payments under the federal "Social Security  
29 Act," 42 U.S.C. s.301 et seq.; (2) receives State disability or blindness  
30 payments under the Supplemental Security Income program, P.L.1973,  
31 c.256 (C.44:7-85 et seq.); (3) receives a disability retirement benefit  
32 from a governmental agency because of a permanent disability; (4)  
33 receives an annuity under the federal "Railroad Retirement Act of  
34 1974," 45 U.S.C. s.231 et seq. and is eligible for Medicare or is  
35 considered disabled under the Supplemental Security Income program;  
36 (5) is a veteran who is totally disabled, permanently homebound, or in  
37 need of regular aid and attendance; or (6) is the surviving spouse or  
38 child of a veteran who is receiving federal veterans' benefits and is  
39 considered permanently disabled.

40 "Senior citizen" means an individual who is 60 years of age or  
41 older by the last day of the month in which the SNAP supplemental  
42 benefit is being issued.

43 "SNAP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
44 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 23, 2022.

1 Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).<sup>1</sup>

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3 <sup>1</sup>1. a. There is established in the Division of Family  
4 Development in the Department of Human Services the State SNAP  
5 Minimum Benefit Program. Under the program, the division shall  
6 distribute to each eligible household a monthly State SNAP benefit  
7 equal to the difference between the household’s federal SNAP  
8 monthly benefit and \$50. The State SNAP benefit shall be provided  
9 to an eligible household in addition to the federal SNAP benefit.

10 b. The program shall be subject to the same State rules and  
11 procedures for implementing the federal SNAP to the greatest extent  
12 possible, including, but not limited to, distributing the State SNAP  
13 benefit using the program’s Electronic Benefit Transfer system and  
14 requiring that benefits be used solely for the purchase of food as  
15 defined in 7 U.S.C. s.2012.

16 c. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply to the  
17 Food and Nutrition Service within the United States Department of  
18 Agriculture for any necessary waivers or approvals to implement  
19 the provisions of this section.

20 d. As used in this section:

21 “Eligible household” means a household that is certified to  
22 receive a federal SNAP benefit of at least one dollar per month, but  
23 less than \$50 per month.

24 “SNAP” means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
25 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and  
26 Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).<sup>1</sup>

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28 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and  
29 regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”  
30 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to  
31 implement the provisions of this act.

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33 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division  
34 of Family Development in the Department of Human Services  
35 <sup>1</sup>[\$20,500,000] \$18,000,000<sup>1</sup> to effectuate the provisions of this  
36 act.

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38 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the <sup>1</sup>[fourth]  
39 sixth<sup>1</sup> month next following the date of enactment, but the  
40 Commissioner of Human Services may take such anticipatory  
41 administrative action in advance thereof as may be necessary for the  
42 implementation of this act.