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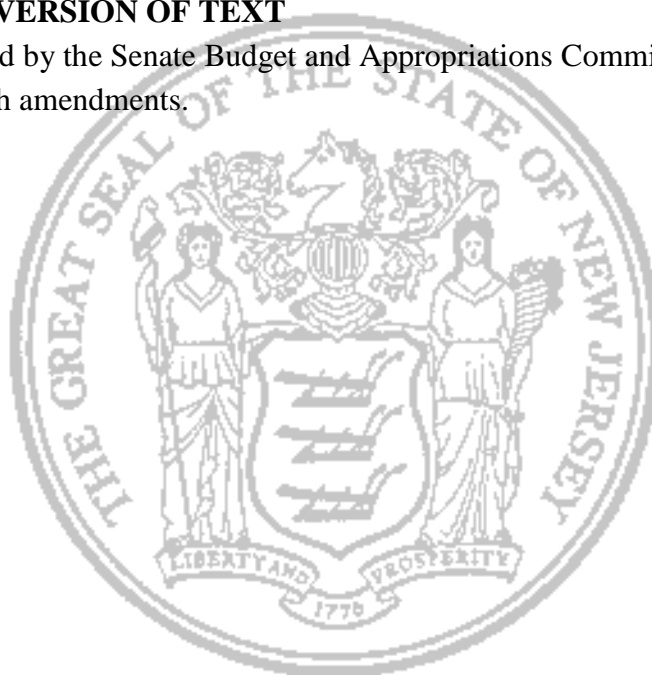
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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for student recipients of educational opportunity funds to be exempt from 20 hour weekly work requirement ordinarily required for student SNAP participation.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on January 19, 2023, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/9/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
2 and supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Department of Human Services shall authorize a  
8 student of higher education who is the recipient of an award from  
9 the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund to obtain nutrition  
10 assistance benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
11 Program, regardless of whether the student satisfies the 20 hour  
12 weekly student work requirement established by federal law at 7  
13 CFR 273.5(b)(5).

14 b. (1) The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall  
15 remain inoperative until <sup>1</sup>["such time as the federal Food and  
16 Nutrition Service approves the change in, and authorizes a waiver  
17 of, existing federal student work requirements for the students  
18 identified in subsection a. of this section"] the adoption of a federal  
19 law, regulation, waiver, or other approval authorizing the provisions  
20 of this act to take effect without penalty to the State and without  
21 loss of benefits to any enrollee under the Supplemental Nutrition  
22 Assistance Program<sup>1</sup> .

23 (2) Within 90 days after <sup>1</sup>["the effective date"] subsection a. of  
24 this section becomes operable as provided in paragraph (1)<sup>1</sup> of this  
25 section, the commissioner shall: (a) apply <sup>1</sup>["to the federal Food and  
26 Nutrition Service to secure any appropriate"] for any<sup>1</sup> federal  
27 approvals or waivers that may be necessary to implement and  
28 enforce the provisions of this section; and (b) take any additional  
29 actions as may be necessary to ensure that the State's  
30 implementation of this section is done in compliance with all  
31 applicable provisions of federal and State law and regulation.

32 c. Following the receipt of necessary federal approvals and  
33 waivers, as provided by subsection b. of this section, the department  
34 shall implement and enforce the provisions of this section. In so  
35 doing, the department shall institute a public awareness campaign  
36 that is designed to inform high school seniors and students of higher  
37 education about the new SNAP eligibility criteria applicable to  
38 Educational Opportunity Fund award recipients under this section.

39 d. As used in this section:

40 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

41 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

42 "Educational Opportunity Fund" means the fund established  
43 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1968, c.142 (C.18A:71-31), which  
44 provides financial assistance to needy students to attend institutions  
45 of higher education.

**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 SBA committee amendments adopted January 19, 2023.

1       “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program” or “SNAP” means  
2       the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
3       established pursuant to the federal “Food and Nutrition Act of  
4       2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).  
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6       2. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules and  
7       regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”  
8       P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to  
9       implement the provisions of this act.  
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11       3. This act shall take effect immediately.