

HOUSE BILL 445

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Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Stamp Program – Minimum Benefit – State Supplement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide a certain supplement to a household that
4 receives a federally funded benefit of less than a certain amount per month under
5 the food stamp program; and generally relating to the food stamp program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Human Services

8 Section 5–501

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Human Services**

14 5–501.

15 (a) The Department may implement a food stamp program in accordance with the
16 federal Food Stamp Act.

17 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the
18 food stamp program for each county.

19 (c) Each local department shall administer the food stamp program:

20 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

21 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(D) IF A HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES A FEDERALLY FUNDED BENEFIT IN AN**
2 **AMOUNT LESS THAN \$30 PER MONTH UNDER THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, THE**
3 **STATE SHALL PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL BENEFIT TO \$30**
4 **PER MONTH.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2016.