

HOUSE BILL 1432

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By: **Delegates Queen and Carr**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Stamp Program – Summer Supplement for Children – Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide, in Garrett County, Kent County, and
4 Talbot County, a certain summer supplement per child, per month for certain
5 months, to a household that receives a federally funded benefit under the food stamp
6 program; requiring the Department to measure certain effects of the summer
7 supplement and annually report its findings to the Governor and the General
8 Assembly; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation for the summer
9 supplement, measuring, and reporting in the annual budget for certain fiscal years;
10 stating the intent of the General Assembly that the summer supplement, measuring,
11 and reporting be funded at a certain level in a certain fiscal year; providing for the
12 application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
13 relating to the food stamp program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Human Services
16 Section 5–501
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2007 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Human Services**

22 5–501.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

6 (d) If a household includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives
7 a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp
8 program, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per
9 month.

10 (E) (1) **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN GARRETT COUNTY, KENT**
11 **COUNTY, AND TALBOT COUNTY.**

12 (2) **IF A HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES A FEDERALLY FUNDED BENEFIT**
13 **UNDER THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A SUMMER**
14 **SUPPLEMENT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL BENEFIT BY \$30 PER CHILD, PER MONTH**
15 **FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.**

16 (3) (I) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MEASURE THE EFFECTS OF THE**
17 **SUMMER SUPPLEMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON**
18 **RECIPIENTS IN COMPARISON TO SIMILARLY SITUATED HOUSEHOLDS THAT DO NOT**
19 **RECEIVE THE SUPPLEMENT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING OUTCOMES:**

20 1. **NOURISHMENT OF SUPPLEMENT RECIPIENTS;**

21 2. **POVERTY LEVELS OF SUPPLEMENT RECIPIENTS; AND**

22 3. **FAMILY ENROLLMENT IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.**

23 (II) **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019, AND EACH JANUARY 1**
24 **THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS UNDER**
25 **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE**
26 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

27 (4) **FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
28 **INCLUDE \$350,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FOOD STAMP SUMMER**
29 **SUPPLEMENT AND THE MEASURING AND REPORTING REQUIRED UNDER THIS**
30 **SUBSECTION.**

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
32 Assembly that the food stamp summer supplement pilot program described in § 5-501(e)

1 of the Human Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, be funded at a level of
2 \$350,000 for fiscal year 2019.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2021,
5 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
6 of no further force and effect.