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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Services – Federal Commodity Supplemental Food**
3 **Program – Administration**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of
5 Human Services to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the federal
6 Commodity Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources;
7 repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program; and
8 generally relating to the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Human Services
11 Section 5–205(a) and 10–204(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 5–205.

18 (a) The Administration shall be the central coordinating and directing agency of
19 all public assistance programs in the State, including:

20 (1) the Family Investment Program and related cash benefit programs;

21 (2) public assistance to adults;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (3) emergency assistance;
- 2 (4) food stamps;
- 3 (5) medical assistance eligibility determinations;
- 4 (6) the Energy Assistance Program;
- 5 (7) the Temporary Disability Assistance Program; [and]

6 (8) THE FEDERAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM
7 WITH FUNDS AND RESOURCES RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
8 OF AGRICULTURE UNDER 7 C.F.R. 247; AND

9 [(8)] (9) any other public assistance activities financed wholly or partly
10 by the Administration.

11 10-204.

12 (a) The Secretary shall administer[:

13 (1)] the programs and activities that the federal government delegates to
14 the State under the Older Americans Act of 1965 that are not otherwise committed by law
15 to another unit of State government[; and

16 (2) the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program with funds and
17 resources received from the United States Department of Agriculture under 7 C.F.R. 247].

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2025.