

HOUSE BILL 1090

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By: **Delegate Solomon**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Food Supplement Benefits – Students – Eligibility~~
3 Maryland Higher Education Commission – Maryland College Aid Processing
4 System – Applications

5 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Department of Human Services to provide food~~
6 ~~supplement benefits to certain students enrolled in an institution of higher education~~
7 ~~in the State who meet certain work study requirements~~; requiring the Maryland
8 Higher Education Commission to add a certain question to the Maryland College Aid
9 Processing System application; and generally relating to ~~food supplement benefits~~
10 for students the Maryland College Aid Processing System.

11 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
12 ~~Article – Human Services~~
13 ~~Section 5 – 502~~
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
15 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

16 ~~BY adding to~~
17 ~~Article – Human Services~~
18 ~~Section 5 – 503.1~~
19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
20 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~Article Human Services~~~~5-502.~~

~~Except as provided in [§ 5-503] §§ 5-503 AND 5-503.1 of this subtitle, if any provision of this subtitle conflicts with any federal law, the federal law shall prevail.~~

~~5-503.1.~~

~~(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOOD SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS TO A STUDENT WHO:~~

~~(1) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;~~

~~(2) IS ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;~~

~~(3) IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A STATE OR FEDERALLY FINANCED WORK STUDY PROGRAM FOR AT LEAST ONE SEMESTER DURING AN ACADEMIC YEAR; AND~~

~~(4) PARTICIPATES IN A WORK STUDY PROGRAM FOR AN AVERAGE OF 20 HOURS PER WEEK THROUGHOUT A SEMESTER.~~

~~(B) A STUDENT ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS FOR AN ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH OF ANY BREAK DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

(a) On or before August 1, 2025, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall add to the Maryland College Aid Processing System application a question regarding whether, in the previous 6 months, the applicant has missed a meal because of an inability to afford the meal.

(b) The Maryland Higher Education Commission may not require a student to answer the question required under subsection (a) of this section in the affirmative in order for the student to be eligible for financial aid.

~~SECTION 2.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.