



Committee: House Appropriation Committee

Bill Number: HB 1027 - Food Supplement Benefits - Students - Eligibility (SNAP for Students)

Hearing Date: March 10, 2022

Position: Support

Moveable Feast supports *House Bill 1027 – Food Supplement Benefits – Students - Eligibility (SNAP for Students)*. The bill extends SNAP benefits to part- or full-time students in a higher education institution.

Moveable Feast supports this measure because it provides food security for low-income college students. Food insecurity is all too common among our student population, but assistance programs often do not include them. The recent Hope Survey found that 38% of students in two-year colleges and 29% of students at four-year colleges had been affected by food insecurity within the last month.ⁱ We believe that SNAP benefits should be extended to these students because our mission is to improve the health of Marylanders experiencing food insecurity and chronic illness. Food security supports racial, social, and health equality.

We ask for a favorable report. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://hope4college.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/RCReport2021.pdf>