

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 505

By: Montgomery

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Supplemental Nutrition
8 Assistance Program; amending 56 O.S. 2011, Section
9 241.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L.
10 2013 (56 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 241.3), which
11 relates to limitation of benefits; authorizing the
12 Department of Human Services to request certain
13 waiver under specified condition; updating statutory
14 language; and declaring an emergency.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 241.3, as
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 2013 (56 O.S. Supp. 2020,
18 Section 241.3), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 241.3. A. Except as otherwise provided by law or
20 waiver, all able-bodied recipients eighteen (18) years of age to
21 fifty (50) years of age, who are not disabled or raising minor
22 children, may receive ~~food stamps~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
23 Program benefits for only three (3) months in each thirty-six-month
24 period except in months in which such recipients are employed for at
least twenty (20) or more hours per week. The Department of Human
Services shall enforce the provisions of this section and any

1 approved waivers or other provisions pursuant to law in effect for
2 this state as of ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1, 1997, in
3 designated areas and populations.

4 B. 1. A family applying for ~~food stamps~~ Supplemental Nutrition
5 Assistance Program benefits after the fifteenth ~~(15th)~~ day of each
6 month shall be eligible to receive the total amount of their initial
7 allotment and their regular first allotment.

8 2. A household allotment of ~~food stamps~~ Supplemental Nutrition
9 Assistance Program benefits may be reduced by up to twenty-five
10 percent (25%) if a family is sanctioned in another program
11 established pursuant to the Statewide Temporary Assistance
12 Responsibility System.

13 3. An individual in a treatment center shall designate the
14 treatment center as the recipient of such individual's ~~food stamp~~
15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits allotment.

16 4. Operating procedures for the ~~food stamp programs~~
17 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in local offices may vary
18 to reflect local differences.

19 5. The Department is authorized to use the amount of a
20 household ~~food stamp~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
21 benefits allotment to subsidize a job under a work supplementation
22 or support program.

23 C. ~~Beginning October 1, 2013, the~~ The Department of Human
24 Services shall not request a waiver to provide Supplemental
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1 Nutrition Assistance Program services to able-bodied adults without
2 dependents, unless the United States Secretary of Agriculture has
3 made a determination that the area in which the individuals covered
4 by the requested waiver reside has an unemployment rate of over ten
5 percent (10%).

6 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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