

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; amending 56 O.S. 2021, Section 241.3, which relates to the limitation of benefits; requiring certain elements of the program to be no less restrictive than federal law; prohibiting certain adoption or implementation; providing for certain enforcement; requiring certain qualifications; prohibiting certain waiver; prohibiting certain exemptions; requiring recording of exemptions; providing for eligibility limits; establishing limits on recertification; providing for eligibility determination methods; prohibiting certain rule, guidance, or policy; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2021, Section 241.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 241.3. A. Except as otherwise provided by law or waiver, all able-bodied recipients eighteen (18) years of age to fifty (50) years of age, who are not disabled or raising minor children, may receive food stamps for only three (3) months in each thirty-six-month period except in months in which such recipients are employed for at least twenty (20) or more hours per week. The

1 Department of Human Services shall enforce the provisions of this
2 section and any approved waivers or other provisions pursuant to law
3 in effect for this state as of the effective date of this act in
4 designated areas and populations.

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

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

12 3. An individual in a treatment center shall designate the
13 treatment center as the recipient of such individual's food stamp
14 allotment.

15 4. Operating procedures for the food stamp programs in local
16 offices may vary to reflect local differences.

17 5. The Department is authorized to use the amount of a
18 household food stamp allotment to subsidize a job under a work
19 supplementation or support program.

20 C. Beginning October 1, 2013, the Department of Human Services
21 shall not request a waiver to provide Supplemental Nutrition
22 Assistance Program services to able-bodied adults without
23 dependents.

1 D. Upon effective date of this act, the Oklahoma Department of
2 Human Services shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition
3 Assistance Program pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008,
4 as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Department
5 shall administer the program using eligibility standards, benefit
6 determinations, work requirements, time limits, exemptions, and
7 verification procedures that are no less restrictive than those
8 required by federal law. The Department shall not adopt or
9 implement any option, waiver, or discretionary policy that expands
10 eligibility or delays enforcement of federal requirements unless
11 such option is expressly required by federal statute or regulation.

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.3A of Title 56, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services shall enforce the
16 work requirements and time limits applicable to able-bodied adults
17 without dependents as provided in 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o).

18 B. An able-bodied adult without dependents shall not receive
19 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits beyond the
20 applicable federal time limit unless the individual:

21 1. Meets the work, workfare, education, or training
22 requirements specified in federal law; or

23 2. Qualifies for an exemption explicitly authorized under
24 federal statute or regulation.

1 C. The Department shall not request or implement a statewide or
2 broad geographic waiver of Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents
3 (ABAWD) work requirements unless federal law requires approval of
4 such a waiver based on objective economic criteria.

5 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.3B of Title 56, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. Discretionary exemptions from Able-Bodied Adults Without
9 Dependents (ABAWD) work requirements shall be applied only on an
10 individualized, case-by-case basis.

11 B. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services shall not:

12 1. Reserve or carry forward unused exemptions;

13 2. Automatically assign exemptions based on geography,
14 category, or administrative convenience; or

15 3. Apply exemptions absent documented individual circumstances.

16 C. Each exemption shall be recorded in the case file and made
17 available for audit or legislative review.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.3C of Title 56, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services shall determine
22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility using
23 the gross income, net income, and asset limits established under 7
24 U.S.C. §§ 2014 and 2015.

1 B. The Department shall not confer SNAP eligibility based on
2 receipt of nominal, non-cash, or token assistance benefits.

3 C. Categorical eligibility shall not be used to waive income or
4 asset tests except where such waiver is expressly mandated by
5 federal law.

6 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.3D of Title 56, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services shall require
10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility
11 recertification at the shortest interval permitted under federal
12 law.

13 B. The Department shall prioritize frequent recertification and
14 interim reporting for:

15 1. Households containing one or more able-bodied adults without
16 dependents;

17 2. Households reporting zero income; and

18 3. Households with income that is irregular, unverifiable, or
19 inconsistent.

20 C. Verification procedures authorized under federal law shall
21 be utilized to ensure continued eligibility and accuracy of reported
22 information.

1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.3E of Title 56, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. For purposes of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
5 (SNAP) eligibility determination, the Oklahoma Department of Human
6 Services shall include the income and assets of all household
7 members as required by 7 U.S.C. § 2014, regardless of whether a
8 household member is eligible to receive benefits.

9 B. No household shall be determined eligible for SNAP benefits
10 if the total household income or assets exceed federal eligibility
11 limits.

12 C. The Department shall not exclude income or assets in a
13 manner that is not expressly authorized under federal law.

14 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.3F of Title 56, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Department shall not promulgate any rule, guidance, or
18 policy, nor request any waiver, that has the effect of expanding
19 eligibility, delaying work requirements, increasing benefit
20 duration, or relaxing verification standards beyond what is
21 expressly required by federal law.

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