

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1253

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); amending 56 O.S. 2021, Section 241.3, which relates to limitation of benefits; modifying applicability of work requirement; modifying certain prohibition on waiver requests; updating statutory language; 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,~~ An individual who does not qualify for an exception provided by 7 U.S.C., Section 2015(o) (3) may receive food stamps Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits 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~~ individual meets the work requirement established by

1 7 U.S.C., Section 2015(o) (2). The Department of Human Services
2 shall enforce the provisions of this section and ~~any approved~~
3 ~~waivers or other provisions pursuant to law in effect for this state~~
4 ~~as of the effective date of this act in designated areas and~~
5 ~~populations~~ 7 U.S.C., Section 2015(o).

6 B. 1. A ~~family~~ household applying for ~~food stamps~~ SNAP
7 benefits after the fifteenth ~~(15th)~~ day of each month shall be
8 eligible to receive the total amount of ~~their~~ the household's
9 initial allotment and ~~their~~ its regular first allotment.

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

14 3. An individual in a treatment center shall designate the
15 treatment center as the recipient of such individual's ~~food stamp~~
16 SNAP benefit allotment.

17 4. Operating procedures for ~~the food stamp programs~~ SNAP in
18 local offices may vary to reflect local differences.

19 5. The Department is authorized to use the amount of a
20 household ~~food stamp~~ SNAP benefit allotment to subsidize a job under
21 a work supplementation or support program.

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

1 ~~dependents~~ of the SNAP work requirement under 7 U.S.C., Section
2 2015 (o) (4) .

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

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