

HOUSE BILL 698

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Supplement Employment and Training Program – Benefits and Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain food supplement program to include the Food
4 Supplement Employment and Training Program; requiring the food supplement
5 program to provide Food Supplement Employment and Training Program benefits
6 to certain individuals; requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the
7 annual budget for certain fiscal years for a certain purpose; and generally relating
8 to the Food Supplement Employment and Training Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Human Services
11 Section 5–501
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 5–501.

18 (a) (1) The Department may implement a food supplement program in
19 accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

20 (2) The food supplement program shall include a Restaurant Meals
21 Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this subtitle.

22 **(3) THE FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) INCLUDE THE FOOD SUPPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND**
2 **TRAINING PROGRAM; AND**

3 **(II) PROVIDE FOOD SUPPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND**
4 **TRAINING PROGRAM BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM FEDERAL**
5 **FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE.**

6 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the
7 food supplement program for each county.

8 (c) Each local department shall administer the food supplement program:

9 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

10 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

11 (d) If a household includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives
12 a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food supplement
13 program, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per
14 month.

15 **(E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
16 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST \$1,000,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR**
17 **THE FOOD SUPPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2020.