



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1418

January Session, 2025



AN ACT REDUCING BARRIERS TO FOOD SECURITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "food as medicine" has the same meaning as provided in section 17b-
3 790c of the general statutes. The Commissioner of Social Services shall
4 apply for a Medicaid waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security
5 Act to provide Medicaid coverage for food as medicine.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the commissioner shall file a report,
7 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
8 with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
9 cognizance of matters relating to human services and public health on
10 the number of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving food as medicine and
11 any available data on the effect of food as medicine on the chronic health
12 conditions of such beneficiaries.

13 Sec. 2. Section 17b-105a of the general statutes is amended by adding
14 subsections (e) and (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

15 (NEW) (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within
16 available appropriations, increase the minimum monthly supplemental
17 nutrition assistance benefit to ninety-five dollars.

18 (NEW) (f) Not later than September 1, 2025, the Commissioner of
19 Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture,
20 shall, within available appropriations, establish a healthy food incentive
21 program under which supplemental nutrition assistance beneficiaries,
22 who purchase fresh produce at certified farmers' markets, shall be
23 credited one dollar in supplemental nutrition assistance benefits for
24 every one dollar they spend in such benefits on such purchases,
25 provided the credit shall not exceed fifty dollars monthly. For purposes
26 of this subsection, "fresh produce" and "certified farmers' market" have
27 the same meanings as provided in section 22-6r.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	17b-105a(e) and (f)

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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(f), "in such benefits" was added for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*