HOUSE BILL 666

By: **Delegates Shetty, Edelson, Kaufman, and Solomon** Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024 Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement

- FOR the purpose of repealing the minimum age that a member of a household must be for
 eligibility for a State-provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental
 Nutrition Assistance Program; increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit
 that the State must provide; and generally relating to the Supplemental Nutrition
 Assistance Program.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Human Services
- 10 Section 5–501
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Human Services

 $16 \quad 5-501.$

(a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

19 (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:
20 (i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this

- 21 subtitle; and
- 22 (ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with § 5–506 of this 23 subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the 2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.

3 (c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition 4 Assistance Program:

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

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

7 (d) If a household includes an individual who [is at least 62 years old and] 8 receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than [\$40] **\$95** per month under the 9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to 10 increase the total benefit to [\$40] **\$95** per month.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 12 October 1, 2024.