Chapter 375

(House Bill 666)

AN ACT concerning

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement

FOR the purpose of repealing lowering 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.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services

Section 5-501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article - Human Services

5-501.

- (a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
 - (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:
- (i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with \S 5–505 of this subtitle; and
- (ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with \S 5–506 of this subtitle.
- (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.
- (c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program:
 - (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and
 - (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

(d) If a household includes an individual who $\{$ is at least $\{$ 60 years old and $\}$ receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than [840]895 [850 per month under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to [840]895 [850 per month.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.