HOUSE BILL 407

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Food Supplement Benefits – Students – Eligibility (SNAP for Students)
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services to provide food supplement benefits to certain students enrolled in an institution of higher education who meet a certain eligible income threshold; and generally relating to food supplement benefits for students.
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Human Services Section 5–502 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
13 14 15 16 17	BY adding to Article – Human Services Section 5–503.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
18 19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article – Human Services

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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5-502.



- Except as provided in [§ 5–503] §§ 5–503 AND 5–503.1 of this subtitle, if any provision of this subtitle conflicts with any federal law, the federal law shall prevail.
- 3 **5-503.1.**
- 4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE INCOME THRESHOLD" MEANS, BASED ON 5 THE INCOME OF A STUDENT OR THE STUDENT'S FAMILY:
- 6 (1) A STUDENT'S EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION IS \$0 ON THE 7 MOST RECENT FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID; OR
- 8 (2) A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A STATE OR 9 FEDERALLY FINANCED WORK STUDY PROGRAM.
- 10 **(B)** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOOD SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS TO A 11 STUDENT WHO:
- 12 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;
- 13 (2) IS ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR AT LEAST 15 CREDIT HOURS PER YEAR; AND
- 15 (3) MEETS THE ELIGIBLE INCOME THRESHOLD.
- 16 (C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
 17 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION IN
 18 AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR EXPENDITURES
 19 MADE UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
- 21 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect 22 contingent on the expiration of the expanded student eligibility for benefits under the 23 federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as modified by the Consolidated 24 Appropriations Act, 2021.
- 25 (b) If the expanded student eligibility expires due to the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency and no substantially similar federal legislation is enacted in its place, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect within 30 days after the expiration.
- 28 (c) The Department of Human Services shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the expiration of expanded student eligibility benefits.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.