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

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Food Supplement Employment and Training Program – Benefits and Funding

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

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- 18 (a) (1) The Department may implement a food supplement program in 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.
 - (3) THE FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM SHALL:

| 1 | (| (I) | INCLUDE | THE | FOOD | SUPPLEMENT | EMPLOYMENT | AND |
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| 2 | TRAINING PROGRAM; AND | | | | | | | |
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- 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 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST \$1,000,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE FOOD SUPPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.