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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6784

BILL NUMBER: SB 334

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 27, 2023

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Simplified Application for SNAP Benefits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Yoder

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Clere

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Division of Family Resources (DFR) of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to develop and implement simplified requirements by which an individual who:

- (1) is 60 years of age or older or a person with a disability; and
- (2) resides in a household every resident of which is 60 years of age or older or a person with a disability (eligible individual);

may certify or recertify the individual's eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

It also provides that the simplified requirements must allow an eligible individual who certifies or recertifies the individual's eligibility to receive SNAP benefits under the simplified requirements to remain eligible for SNAP benefits for 36 months after the certification or recertification.

The bill requires the DFR to use data matching to provide SNAP eligibility information to eligible individuals who are receiving Medicaid benefits and are eligible for SNAP benefits.

Effective Date: July 1, 2023.

Explanation of State Expenditures: With federal approval, the DFR could experience a workload reduction by allowing for longer eligibility periods for enrollees 60 years of age or older or persons with disabilities. However, the data matching requirements may require additional personnel. Annual costs for data personal are estimated between \$81,000 and \$93,000.

[SNAP is a program of the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), with the federal government paying the full benefit cost and the state administrative costs share at about 50% reimbursement with the federal government.]

Additional Information - The USDA offers a demonstration project called Elderly Simplified Application Project for elderly households with no earned income that offer a five-year waiver.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Division of Family Resources; Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/elderly-simplified-application-project>

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