

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 1 # 3

DIGEST

SUN Bucks program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to establish and administer a statewide summer cash supplement food program (program) for eligible school age children for the summer of 2026. Requires the program to be modeled on and use the same criteria as the federal SUN Bucks program. Appropriates the amount of money from the state general fund necessary to fully fund the program for the summer of 2026. After 2026, requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply to participate in the federal SUN Bucks program or any successor or similar program and fund a program each summer.

1 Delete the title and insert the following:
2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
3 human services and to make an appropriation.
4 Page 3, between lines 27 and 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:
5 "SECTION 3. IC 12-14-32 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 UPON PASSAGE]:
8 **Chapter 32. Summer Cash Supplement Food Program**
9 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" means a summer**
10 **cash supplement food program for eligible school age children**
11 **established under section 3 of this chapter.**
12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "SUN Bucks program" means**
13 **the federal summer electronic benefit transfer program known as**
14 **SUN Bucks administered by the United States Department of**
15 **Agriculture.**
16 **Sec. 3. (a) The office of the secretary shall establish and**
17 **administer a statewide summer cash supplement food program for**
18 **eligible school age children for the summer of 2026.**
19 **(b) The program shall be modeled on the federal SUN Bucks**
20 **program using the same:**
21 **(1) eligibility criteria for benefits;**
22 **(2) benefit amount per eligible school age child; and**
23 **(3) food purchase authorizations;**

1 **as set forth under the SUN Bucks program.**

2 **(c) The office of the secretary shall establish:**

3 **(1) the timing of monthly benefit distributions under the**
4 **program; and**

5 **(2) the duration of the program for the summer, which shall**
6 **begin approximately at the end of the school year and**
7 **continue for at least one hundred twenty-two (122) days after**
8 **that date.**

9 **Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the state general fund the**
10 **total amount necessary to fully fund the program for the summer**
11 **of 2026.**

12 **Sec. 5. Beginning after 2026, the office of the secretary shall**
13 **apply to participate in the SUN Bucks program or any successor or**
14 **similar program and fund a statewide program each summer.".**

15 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 1 as introduced.)