

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6362

BILL NUMBER: SB 195

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 12, 2025

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Eligibility for SNAP Benefits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Walker G

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill eliminates the countable asset limitation for resources with respect to expanded categorical eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill's provisions will increase SNAP participation by an estimated 3,798 cases, increasing the state General Fund share of administrative costs for additional personnel and other costs by an estimated \$590,000 in FY 2027 and \$410,000 in FY 2028.

Additional Information - The cost estimate was developed using the following information provided by the Family and Social Services Administration.

- In the most recent 12 months, 3,798 applications were denied based on resources. The amount may be overstated to the extent that the income of applicant households may exceed the income eligibility limit.
- One additional eligibility caseworker is needed for approximately every 600 cases, resulting in six additional caseworkers required to meet the workload demand. Each caseworker is estimated to cost an average of \$87,300 per year, inclusive of salary and benefits, as well as an estimated \$3,154 each for additional workspace. Additionally, one-time costs will occur in FY 2027 of \$62,000 for correspondence and \$255,000 for an eligibility system update.

SNAP benefits are provided solely by the federal government. The state is currently responsible for 50% of the administrative costs of the SNAP program, which will increase to 75% on October 1, 2026 per United States P.L. 119-21.

Expanded (or broad-based) categorical eligibility is a federal policy that allows states to award SNAP eligibility to households that qualify for non-cash Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or a state maintenance of effort funded benefit.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: David Smalley, FSSA;

<https://iar.iga.in.gov/code/2026/470/6#470-6-0.5-1>;

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/broad-based-categorical-eligibility>.

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