

# SENATE BILL No. 276

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-35-1.7.

**Synopsis:** Farmers' market nutrition assistance programs. Requires, subject to federal approval of any necessary plan, amendment, or waiver, the Indiana department of health (state department) to provide for: (1) a recipient of benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to receive triple value for the recipient's SNAP benefits; and (2) a recipient of benefits under the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) to receive triple value for the recipient's WIC benefits; when used to purchase produce at a farmers' market that participates in one or more specified federal programs administered by the state department.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 12, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 16-35-1.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4       **Chapter 1.7. Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs**

5       **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "SNAP" has the meaning set  
6 forth in IC 12-7-2-178.9.

7       **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "WIC" has the meaning set forth  
8 in IC 16-35-1.5-2.

9       **Sec. 3.** (a) Subject to subsection (b), the state department shall  
10 provide for:

11       (1) an Indiana resident who receives SNAP benefits to receive  
12 triple value for the recipient's SNAP benefits when used to  
13 purchase produce at a farmers' market that participates in a  
14 program funded in whole or in part through the federal Gus  
15 Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, including:

16       (A) the Double Up Indiana program; and

17       (B) the Fresh Bucks program; and



(2) an Indiana resident who receives WIC benefits to receive triple value for the recipient's WIC benefits when used to purchase produce at a farmers' market that participates in the federal:

(A) WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; or

(B) Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program;

through price discounts, matching benefits, or a combination of price discounts and matching benefits.

(b) If the state department determines that a plan amendment, plan waiver, or other authorization by the United States Department of Agriculture is necessary to implement subsection (a), the state department:

(1) shall, not later than September 1, 2026, request the necessary amendment, waiver, or authorization;

(2) may delay implementation of subsection (a) until the amendment, waiver, or authorization is granted; and

(3) shall begin implementing subsection (a) not later than thirty (30) days after the United States Department of Agriculture grants the amendment, waiver, or authorization.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

