

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7074
BILL NUMBER: SB 276

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2026
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Farmers' Market Nutrition Assistance Programs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford J.D.

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires, subject to federal approval of any necessary plan amendment or waiver, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) 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 IDOH.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could increase workload of the IDOH if they elect to request plan amendment, plan waiver, or other authorization from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) by September 1, 2026. *[Neither a plan amendment nor a waiver are required to triple the value of SNAP or WIC benefits at farmers' markets. The IDOH's administrative expenditures are currently paid from the Tobacco Master Settlement Fund, a dedicated fund.]*

Additional Information: A farmers' market interested in tripling the value of SNAP or WIC benefits can do so now, using local, donated, or philanthropic funding sources. One such location currently exists in Indiana. The Farmed & Foraged Market in LaPorte, offers triple SNAP benefits made possible by area donations and a grant from the Health Foundation of LaPorte.

IDOH currently uses a USDA grant to fund the Double-Up Indiana and Fresh Bucks programs, both of which provide a \$1 for \$1 match on SNAP benefits used to purchase fresh produce at participating grocers and farmers' markets. All SNAP beneficiaries are eligible for these programs. Fresh Bucks is the Double-Up program specific to Marion County.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Ethan Wright, Indiana Department of Health; <https://www.in.gov/health/wic/>
<https://doubleupindiana.org/how>
<https://www.in.gov/health/wic/farmers-marketsstands-information>;
<https://www.thecollectivein.com/fandf>.

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