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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, McCaffrey, DiMario, Goodwin, Valverde, Kallman,  
Pearson, Euer, Cano, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-6 of the General Laws entitled "Public Assistance Act" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-6-8.2. Establishment of retail SNAP incentives program.**

4 (a) There shall be established a retail supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP)  
5 incentives pilot program to be administered by the department of human services. Funds  
6 appropriated for the program shall be expended first for the implementation and administration of  
7 the retail SNAP incentives program to promote healthy food access and nutrition among Rhode  
8 Island SNAP recipients.

9 (1) SNAP households will receive fifty cents (\$0.50) credit on their electronic benefit  
10 transfer (EBT) card for each one dollar (\$1.00) spent on eligible fruits and vegetables at  
11 participating retailers, up to a monthly limit as determined by the department.

12 (2) This pilot program shall take effect on January 1, 2023, and operate until appropriated  
13 funds are expended.

14 (b) The department of human services shall promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures  
15 necessary for the implementation of this section including, but not limited to the following:

16 (1) Eligibility for pilot participation;

17 (2) Purchases eligible to earn incentive payments;

18 (3) Monthly incentive limits that may be earned by participating households; and

19 (4) Eligible uses of earned incentive payments.

1           (c) The department shall report to the speaker of the house, president of the senate, and  
2 chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees regarding the amount of credits issued  
3 pursuant to this section and administrative expenses, no later than February 15, 2024.

4           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow SNAP recipients to receive a minimum of fifty cents (\$0.50) credit  
2   on their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, for each one dollar (\$1.00) spent on fruits and  
3   vegetables. The department of human services would promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures  
4   to effectuate this act.

5           This act would take effect on July 1, 2022.

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