

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1512

By: Representative Underwood

By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE WORK AMONG ENROLLEES IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS ACT OF 2019; TO ELIMINATE NO-GOOD-CAUSE EXEMPTIONS TO THE WORK REQUIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROMOTE WORK IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 8, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-76-805. Elimination of no-good-cause exemptions to the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Beginning no later than May 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services shall not exercise the state option to provide exemptions to the work requirement as authorized under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)(6), as it existed on January 1, 2021, except to an individual:

- (1) Currently in foster care; or
- (2) Residing in a domestic violence shelter.

/s/Underwood

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