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Measure: SB 727 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to contract with a nonprofit organization to implement and administer a program to assist recipients who are eligible to receive supplemental nutrition assistance in purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables from participating farmers' markets, farm share sites and retail outlets.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Department Human Services - General Fund		
Special Payments	3,000,000	
Total Funds	\$3,000,000	\$0

Analysis:

SB 727 appropriates \$3,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the department to contract with an unnamed nonprofit organization to implement and administer a program to assist recipients who are eligible to receive supplemental nutrition assistance provided by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables from farmers' markets, farm share sites, and retail food outlets. The measure requires the nonprofit organization to review outcomes of the program and report to DHS by December 31, 2021. DHS is required to make this report available to the public on its website. The program required by this measure sunsets on January 2, 2022.

With passage of this bill, DHS will distribute the \$3,000,000 General Fund to the nonprofit organization. DHS anticipates using existing staff and resources to manage this contract and to post the report from the nonprofit on its website.

Note that the nonprofit agency's budget would not be subject to Executive Branch review, or approval or modification by the Legislative Assembly. The bill allows the nonprofit agency to use the distributed funds from DHS for implementation and administration of the program, as well as to match the amounts that a recipient spends on foods that are eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance.

This measure requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources.

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