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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to consider hours worked as graduate assistant as hours worked in employment for purpose of meeting work requirements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Human Services		
General Fund		
Services and Supplies	\$105,600	\$0
Federal Funds		
Services and Supplies	\$158,400	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$264,000	\$0
Total Positions	0	0
Total FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

SB 609-1 requires the Department of Human Services to consider graduate assistant hours to meet the work requirements of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The measure becomes operative January 1, 2025.

To add a graduate assistant applicant portal to the ONE eligibility system and system logic to recognize graduate work hours for SNAP eligibility, DHS estimates it will need to contract with a vendor for 825 hours at a cost of \$264,000 total funds.

There is no fiscal impact to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.