

Enrolled Senate Bill 609

Sponsored by Senator CAMPOS, Representative NERON; Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GOLDEN, GORSEK, MANNING JR, WOODS, Representatives ANDERSEN, BOWMAN, CHAICHI, DEXTER, EVANS, FAHEY, GAMBA, HIEB, HUDSON, KROPF, NELSON, PHAM K, REYNOLDS, RUIZ, SOSA (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to students' eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 411.806.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 411.806 to 411.845.

SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall consider hours worked as a graduate assistant as hours worked in employment for the purpose of meeting employment and training or other work requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

SECTION 3. ORS 411.806 is amended to read:

411.806. As used in ORS 411.806 to 411.845, unless the context or a specially applicable statutory definition requires otherwise:

(1) "Administrative costs" means, but is not limited to, costs in connection with:

(a) Distributing supplemental nutrition assistance to recipients under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(b) The compensation of personnel while employed in carrying out ORS 411.806 to 411.845; and

(c) Reimbursement of the federal government for any loss described in ORS 411.830.

(2) "**Graduate assistant**" means an extern or a graduate student or fellow at an institution of higher education who is paid to work in teaching, administration or research while the student completes the academic requirements for an advanced degree at the institution.

[(2)] (3) "Household" means two or more related or nonrelated individuals who [*do not*] reside together not in an institution.

[(3)] (4) "Issuing agency" means the Department of Human Services.

[(4)] (5) "Recipient" means an individual or household determined and certified, pursuant to ORS 411.816 or 411.825, to be eligible to receive supplemental nutrition assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

[(5)] (6) "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" means a program under which the federal government makes aid available to the state or its agencies for distribution through electronic benefits transfer or by check to individuals and households certified to be in economic need of and eligible to receive such aid for the purchase of food from retail food outlets.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to ORS 411.806 by section 3 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Department of Human Services by section 1 (8), chapter _____, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for Oregon Eligibility Partnership, is increased by \$105,600 for information technology system changes required to carry out the provisions of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on expenditures established by section 3 (8), chapter _____, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds, excluding federal funds described in section 2, chapter _____, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), collected or received by the Department of Human Services, for Oregon Eligibility Partnership, is increased by \$158,400 for information technology system changes required to carry out the provisions of this 2023 Act.

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