



IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2020

Be it enacted by the Congress of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

A BILL

To enhance SNAP benefits under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and SNAP program to influence positive food and grocery choices.

Proposed By: Senator Ian (R-PA-2) (for himself,)

Co-Sponsored By: Senate PPT Krishna (D-HK-3)

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This bill may be cited as “S.4,” “SNAP Enhancement Act,” or the “SNAP Enhancement Act of 2020.”

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

- (a) WHEREAS, a 2016 USDA study¹ on the SNAP program found that 20 cents was spent on sweetened drinks, desserts, salty snacks, candy, and sugar per food purchase dollar
- (b) WHEREAS, the same study found 40 cents of every food purchase dollar was spent on basic items like meat, fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, and bread.
- (c) WHEREAS, The remaining 40 cents was spent on a variety of items such as cereal, prepared foods, other dairy products, rice, beans, and other cooking ingredients, as found by the same USDA study

¹ [FOODS TYPICALLY PURCHASED BY SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM \(SNAP\) HOUSEHOLDS \(SUMMARY\)](#)

SECTION 3. ADVISORY PROGRAM

(a) In General—

- (i) Federally funded grants will be accessible for those state and federal agencies administering SNAP benefits used to—
 - (1) develop systems and protocols to ensure and educate those using SNAP benefits in making healthy choices;
 - (2) advise SNAP beneficiaries on the balance of healthy food groups using resources from the MyPlate campaign
 - (3) raise awareness on the causes and prevention methods of obesity
 - (4) encourage increased spending on basic items, such as meat, fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs, and bread
 - (5) discourage excessive spending on nutritionally-lacking sweetened drinks, desserts, salty snacks, candy, and sugar

(b) Allocation of Funds

- (i) For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, of the amounts appropriated to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, \$50,000,000 shall be used to carry out this section.

(ii) Applications

(1) In General--

- a) To request a grant under this part, the chief executive of a State, unit of local government administering the distribution of SNAP benefits shall submit an application to the Director of the Food and Nutrition Service under the USDA in a form containing the information as the Director may reasonably require.

(c) Audit and assessment

(i) In general

- (1) Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this part, the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management shall perform an assessment of the grant program and the policies and protocols of the grantees.

(ii) Reports

- (1) Not later than September 1 of each year, beginning 2 years after the date of enactment of this part, each recipient of a grant under this part shall submit to the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management a report that—
 - a) describes the progress in creating and managing advisory services and programs to those under the SNAP program
 - b) assesses the—
 - i) efficacy of systems created to ensure educated decisions while using SNAP benefits

- ii) effect of the systems created to ensure educated grocery decisions for SNAP beneficiaries
 - iii) Expenditures on Summary Categories by SNAP and Non-SNAP Households in Dataset
 - iv) issues related to the systems created to ensure educated grocery decisions for SNAP beneficiaries
- (iii) Review
 - (1) The Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management shall evaluate the policies and protocols of the grantees and take such steps as the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management determines necessary to ensure compliance with the programs

SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS.

(a) In General.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(i) in subsection (k)—

(1)

(1) by striking “shelters, and (9) in” and inserting the following :

a) “shelters; “(9) in”;

(2) by striking “arrangement, (8) in” and inserting the following:

a) “arrangement; “(8) in”;

(3) by striking “subsistence, (7) in” and inserting the following:

a) “subsistence; “(7) in”;

(4) by striking “programs, (6) in” and inserting the following: “programs;

a) “(6) in”;

(5) by striking “section 9(h), (5) in” and inserting the following:

a) “section 9(h); “(5) in”;

(6) by striking “elderly, (4) in” and inserting the following:

a) “elderly; “(4) in”;

(7) by striking “household, (3) in” and inserting the following:

a) “household; “(3) in”;

(8) by striking “product, (2) seeds” and inserting the following:

a) “product; “(2) seeds”;

(9) by striking the subsection designation and all that follows through “(1) any food” and inserting the following:

a) “(k) Food.—The term ‘food’ means—

i) “(1) any food”;

(10) in paragraph (1) (as so amended)—

a) by striking “clauses” and inserting “paragraphs”; and

b) by striking “of this subsection”;

- (11) in paragraph (9) (as so amended), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and
 - (12) by adding at the end the following:
 - a) “(10) a multivitamin-mineral dietary supplement for home consumption.”;
 - (13) In paragraph (1) (as so amended)—
 - a) by striking “, hot foods or” and inserting “, sweetened carbonated drinks, hot foods or”
- (ii) by redesignating subsections (n) through (v) as subsections (o) through (w), respectively;
- (iii) by inserting after subsection (m) the following:
- (1) “(n) Multivitamin-Mineral Dietary Supplement.—The term ‘multivitamin-mineral dietary supplement’ means a substance that—
 - a) “(1) provides at least half of the vitamins and minerals—
 - i) “(A) for which the National Academy of Medicine establishes dietary reference intakes; and
 - ii) “(B) at 50 percent or more of the daily value for the intended life stage per daily serving, as determined by the Food and Drug Administration; and
 - b) “(2) does not exceed the tolerable upper intake levels for those nutrients for which an established tolerable upper intake level is determined by the National Academy of Medicine.”; and
- (iv) in subsection (r) (as so redesignated)—
- (1) by striking the subsection designation and all that follows through “Except” and inserting the following:
 - a) “(r) Staple Foods.—
 - i) “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except”;
 - 1) (B) in paragraph (1) (as so amended), by indenting subparagraphs (A) through (D) appropriately; and
 - 2) (C) in paragraph (2)—
 - a. by striking the paragraph designation and all that follows through “do not” and inserting the following:
 - ii) “(2) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘staple foods’ does not”; and
 - 1) by striking “and spices” and inserting “spices, and multivitamin-mineral dietary supplements”.

(b) Conforming Amendments.—

- (i) Section 10 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended in the first sentence by striking “section 3(o)(4)” and inserting “section 3(p)(4)”.
- (ii) Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—
 - (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “section 3(s)(1)” and inserting “section 3(t)(1)”;
 - (2) in subsection (d)—
 - a) by striking “section 3(s)(1)” each place it appears and inserting “section 3(t)(1)”;
 - b) by striking “section 3(s)(2)” each place it appears and inserting “section 3(t)(2)”;
 - (3) in subsection (e)(17), by striking “described in section 3(s)(1)”.
- (iii) Section 16(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II)) is amended by striking “section 3(u)(4)” and inserting “section 3(v)(4)”.
- (iv) Section 19(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “section 3(u)(4)” and inserting “section 3(v)(4)”.
- (v) Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended by striking “section 3(u)(4)” each place it appears and inserting “section 3(v)(4)”.
- (vi) Section 404 of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 604) is amended in each of subsections (i) and (j) by striking “section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008” and inserting “section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)”.
- (vii) Section 408(a)(12)(B)(i) of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(B)(i)) is amended in the second sentence by striking “(within” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “(as defined in section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)).”.
- (viii) Section 454(29) of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654(29)) is amended by striking “section 3(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(h))” each place it appears and inserting “section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)”.

SECTION 5. ENACTMENT

This Act shall be enacted on the first day of the fiscal year following its passage.

Written by Senator Ian (R-PA) for Congress' use.