

1 AN ACT relating to able-bodied adult participation in the SNAP Employment and  
2 Training Program.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 205.1783 is amended to read as follows:

5 In order to improve access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, reduce  
6 administrative costs associated with the program,~~and~~ enhance program integrity, ***and***  
7 ***promote self-sufficiency among program participants*** the cabinet shall:

- 8 (1) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after July 14, 2022:
- 9 (a) Establish a transitional benefit alternative as described in 7 C.F.R. secs.  
10 273.26 to 273.32;
- 11 (b) Request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to  
12 implement:
- 13 1. An Elderly Simplified Application Project for individuals who have no  
14 earned income and who are over sixty (60) years of age or who are  
15 disabled; and
- 16 2. A standard medical deduction waiver for individuals who are over sixty  
17 (60) years of age or are disabled;
- 18 (c) Establish procedures to allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
19 beneficiaries to recertify eligibility online;
- 20 (d) To the extent permitted under federal law, develop and implement an online  
21 employment and training program, as defined in 7 U.S.C. sec. 2015(d)(4), for  
22 any individual that is subject to work requirements under 7 U.S.C. sec.  
23 2015(d)(1);
- 24 (e) Request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture relating to  
25 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance time limit exception established in 7  
26 C.F.R. sec. 273.24(c)(4); and
- 27 (f) Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A

1 necessary to administer this section;~~and~~

2 (2) Within ninety (90) days after July 14, 2022, require all households receiving  
3 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits, except for those households described  
4 in subsection (1)(b) of this section, to comply with the change reporting  
5 requirements permitted pursuant to 7 C.F.R. sec. 273.12(a); and

6 (3) (a) Within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Act, establish,  
7 maintain, and operate an employment and training program as described in  
8 7 U.S.C. sec. 2015(d)(4).

9 (b) 1. Participation in the employment and training program established,  
10 maintained, and operated pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection  
11 shall be mandatory for any individual who is subject to the  
12 requirements established under 7 U.S.C. sec. 2015(d)(1) and who is  
13 not exempt under 7 U.S.C. sec. 2015(d)(2).

14 2. Any individual who is enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition  
15 Assistance Program who is not subject to the requirements established  
16 in 7 U.S.C. sec. 2015(d)(1) or who is exempt under 7 U.S.C. sec.  
17 2015(d)(2) may voluntarily participate in the employment and training  
18 program. An individual who voluntarily participates in the  
19 employment and training program shall not be penalized by a  
20 discontinuance or reduction in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
21 Program benefits.

22 (c) An individual required to participate in the employment and training  
23 program pursuant to paragraph (b)1. of this subsection shall:

24 1. Complete an initial assessment interview with the cabinet;

25 2. Be placed in or assigned to an approved employment and training  
26 program component by the cabinet; and

27 3. Verify participation in the employment and training program in a

- 1                   manner prescribed by the cabinet.
- 2           (d) An individual who is required to participate in the employment and training  
3           program pursuant to paragraph (b)1. of this subsection or voluntarily  
4           participates in the employment and training program pursuant to paragraph  
5           (b)2. of this subsection shall be entitled to receive payment for  
6           transportation expenses in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars  
7           (\$25) per month if the participant:
- 8           1. Incurs or expects to incur transportation expenses due to participation  
9           in the employment and training program;
- 10           2. Verifies participation in a job search or workfare component of the  
11           employment and training program or verifies participation pursuant to  
12           paragraph (c)3. of this subsection; and
- 13           3. Requests a transportation payment in a manner prescribed by the  
14           cabinet. If a participant does not request a transportation payment, no  
15           payment shall be made.
- 16           (e) The employment and training program established, maintained, and  
17           operated pursuant to this subsection shall include case management  
18           services provided by an employment and training provider or partner.
- 19           (f) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with  
20           KRS Chapter 13A necessary to administer this subsection.