



General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**Committee Bill No. 932**

LCO No. 4827

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT PROVIDING ADEQUATE FOOD FOR STATE RESIDENTS IN  
NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall  
2 establish a food assistance program for individuals who are no longer  
3 eligible for food stamps under Public Law 104-193, Section 824, and  
4 who do not reside in areas subject to waivers of the time limit specified  
5 in Public Law 105-217, Section 1001. The commissioner may administer  
6 such program in accordance with the provisions of the federal food  
7 stamp program, except those pertaining to the time limits specified in  
8 Public Law 104-193, Section 824.

9 (b) The commissioner shall provide assistance to an individual  
10 under this section in an amount equal to the amount the individual  
11 would be entitled to receive under the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977,  
12 as amended, prior to the imposition of the time limits imposed by  
13 Public Law 104-193, Section 824.

14 (c) The commissioner shall terminate assistance under this section to  
15 any individual whose federal food stamp benefits have been restored.

16 Sec. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars is  
17 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General  
18 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for community-based  
19 food and nutrition education programs for low-income individuals  
20 and families. Such programs shall be conducted in low-income  
21 neighborhoods and provide participatory, culturally appropriate,  
22 experiential learning opportunities on topics and issues such as food  
23 shopping, planning and preparing nutritious meals and snacks, diet  
24 and fitness, feeding children and food safety.

25 Sec. 3. The sum of two hundred eleven thousand dollars is  
26 appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,  
27 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for the school lunch program.

28 Sec. 4. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars is appropriated  
29 to the Department of Education, from the General Fund, for the fiscal  
30 year ending June 30, 2002, for the school breakfast program.

31 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide adequate food for all state residents in need of food assistance.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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