

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5013**

LCO No. 2379

**AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY ELIGIBLE COLLEGE  
STUDENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-105f of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsections (e) and (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

3 (NEW) (e) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the  
4 Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The  
5 University of Connecticut shall, and the governing boards of an  
6 independent institution of higher education may, consult with the  
7 Department of Social Services for the purpose of identifying any  
8 educational program offered at an institution of higher education  
9 governed by said boards or such governing board that qualifies as an  
10 employment and training program which increases a student's  
11 employability and complies with the requirements for an exemption, as  
12 specified in 7 CFR 273.5(b)(11), as amended from time to time, from the  
13 supplemental nutrition assistance program eligibility rule in 7 CFR  
14 273.5(a), as amended from time to time. In identifying such educational  
15 programs, the department and the Board of Regents for Higher  
16 Education, the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut or  
17 such governing board shall seek to maximize the number and types of  
18 employment and training programs offered at the institution of higher  
19 education governed by said boards or such governing board.

20 (NEW) (f) Not later than July 1, 2021, the Department of Social  
21 Services, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of  
22 Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall each post and regularly  
23 update on its Internet web site the list of educational programs offered  
24 at each institution of higher education governed by said boards that has  
25 been qualified as an employment and training program pursuant to  
26 subsection (e) of this section.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2020) For the purpose of determining  
28 eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program pursuant  
29 to the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended from time to  
30 time, the Department of Social Services shall consider any student  
31 enrolled in an institution of higher education in the state to be  
32 participating in a state or federally financed work-study program if such  
33 student receives approval of work-study as part of a financial aid  
34 package to attend such institution of higher education, regardless of  
35 whether such student has received his or her work-study program  
36 assignment.

37 Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2020) Each public institution of higher  
38 education shall notify any student identified by the financial aid office  
39 of such public institution of higher education as potentially eligible for  
40 the supplemental nutrition assistance program pursuant to the federal  
41 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended from time to time,  
42 regarding (1) the qualification requirements for such program, (2) the  
43 application procedure for such program, and (3) where to obtain  
44 assistance in completing an application for such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2020	17b-105f
Sec. 2	July 1, 2020	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2020	New section