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LCO No. 4305



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT ELIMINATING ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS TO A
COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY
FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
2 "Community Eligibility Provision" means a provision of the Healthy,
3 Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, P.L. 111-296, that allows a school or
4 school district that predominantly serves children from low-income
5 families to provide free meals for all students based on enrollment in
6 state-administered assistance programs, (2) "community food provider"
7 means a nonprofit food distribution organization, including, but not
8 limited to, a food bank or food pantry, and (3) Emergency Food
9 Assistance Program means a program authorized pursuant to 7 USC
10 612c, as amended from time to time, that provides federally purchased
11 food and funds for administrative costs to states based on poverty and
12 unemployment rates.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permissible
14 under federal law, shall not require community food providers in

15 communities with schools that provide free meals to students through
16 the Community Eligibility Provision to collect, submit or retain forms
17 requiring persons receiving food to report income information in order
18 to receive assistance through the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
19 The commissioner shall seek any federal approval necessary to
20 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Social Services to reduce paperwork requirements for participation in the federal Emergency Food Assistance Program by community providers.

[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.]