

ASSEMBLY, No. 2202

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to implement TANF-funded referral service for low-income food stamp applicants.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the food stamp program and supplementing Title
2 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Commissioner of Human Services shall implement a referral
8 service for social services in the State, which shall be funded from the
9 State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant. Any
10 household applying for the federal food stamp program in the State
11 whose household income is at or below 130% of the federal poverty
12 level shall be eligible for the referral service.

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14 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and
15 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
16 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of
17 this act.

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19 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day following enactment,
20 but the Commissioner of Human Services may take such anticipatory
21 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
22 implementation of the act.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to
28 implement a referral service for social services in the State, which
29 would be funded from the State's Temporary Assistance for Needy
30 Families (TANF) block grant. Any household applying for the federal
31 food stamp program in the State whose household income is at or
32 below 130% of the federal poverty level would be eligible for the
33 referral service.

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A household's eligibility for the TANF-funded referral service
would provide that household with categorical eligibility for the
federal food stamp program, and thereby exempt that household from
the resource limits of the food stamp program.