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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to make application for food stamp program available on website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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 Director of the Division of Family Development in the
8 Department of Human Services shall make any application used in the
9 State for the federal and State supplementary food stamp programs
10 available on the Department of Human Services' State website. Each
11 application shall be available on the website in a version that can be
12 printed and in a version that can be completed online.

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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 Director of the Division of Family
28 Development in the Department of Human Services to make any
29 application used in the State for the federal and State supplementary
30 food stamp programs available on the Department of Human Services'
31 State website. The bill also requires that each application be available
32 on the website in a version that can be printed and in a version that can
33 be completed online.

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35 The bill would provide households with another point of access to
36 the application, which does not require visiting a food stamp office or
37 waiting for an application to arrive in the mail. For those households
38 who choose to file the application online, processing of their
39 applications can begin promptly and without a visit to a food stamp
40 office.

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42 Federal regulation permits households to file a food stamp
43 application by submitting the forms to the food stamp office in person,
44 through an authorized representative, by fax or other electronic
45 transmission, by mail, or by completing an on-line electronic
46 application. However, current New Jersey regulation only permits
households to file an application in person, through an authorized
representative or by mail.