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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DHS to develop mobile software for SNAP recipients; appropriates \$2 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Women and Children Committee on June 16, 2021, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning a mobile software program for New Jersey  
2 Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program recipients  
3 <sup>1</sup>**[and]**,<sup>1</sup> supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes<sup>1</sup>, and  
4 making an appropriation<sup>1</sup>.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. As used in this act:  
10 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

11 "Electronic benefit transfer card or benefit card" means a benefit  
12 card utilized by a consumer to gain access to nutrition assistance  
13 program benefits.

14 <sup>1</sup>**[Mobile]** Mobile-friendly<sup>1</sup> software <sup>1</sup>**[program]**<sup>1</sup>" means a  
15 computer program or web-based<sup>1</sup> software application designed to  
16 be <sup>1</sup>**[downloaded onto and]**<sup>1</sup> used in conjunction with a mobile  
17 electronic communication device, as defined herein, and available  
18 through multiple software platforms.

19 "Mobile electronic communication device" means any mobile  
20 device capable of communication or other transmission of  
21 information and includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone,  
22 wireless tablet, or other device with Internet capability, or other  
23 wireless communication device.

24 "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" or "SNAP" means  
25 the supplemental nutrition assistance program, established pursuant  
26 to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-525  
27 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).

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29 2. a. The Department of Human Services shall develop and  
30 maintain, or enter into or modify an agreement with a third party to  
31 develop and maintain<sup>1</sup>**[, a mobile]** mobile-friendly<sup>1</sup> software  
32 <sup>1</sup>**[program]**<sup>1</sup> for SNAP recipients. The <sup>1</sup>**[mobile]** mobile-friendly<sup>1</sup>  
33 software <sup>1</sup>**[program]**<sup>1</sup> shall include, but not be limited to,  
34 functionality that allows a user of the mobile software program who  
35 is recipient of SNAP benefits to:

36 (1) view the user's SNAP case status and the current benefits  
37 the user receives;

38 (2) <sup>1</sup>**[view the current balance on the user's electronic benefit**  
39 **transfer card;**

40 (3)<sup>1</sup> request an electronic benefit transfer card or a  
41 replacement card <sup>1</sup>**[and track the card's expected time of arrival by**  
42 **mail;**

43 (4)<sup>1</sup> (3)<sup>1</sup> upload and submit required documents for continued  
44 participation in SNAP and track the current processing status of  
45 those documents;

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted June 16, 2021.

1       <sup>1</sup>[(5)] (4)<sup>1</sup> receive <sup>1</sup>[alerts for upcoming SNAP appointments  
2 and] notices and updates regarding<sup>1</sup> important deadlines or actions;  
3       <sup>1</sup>[(6)] (5)<sup>1</sup> read and print notices and letters;  
4       <sup>1</sup>[(7)] (6)<sup>1</sup> update contact information;  
5       <sup>1</sup>[(8)] (7)<sup>1</sup> request to have a letter mailed to the user listing the  
6 amount of benefits the user receives; <sup>1</sup>[and  
7 (9)] (8)<sup>1</sup> view local contact information for the County Board of  
8 Social Services for the county in which the user resides<sup>1</sup> and  
9 (9) access any other functionalities as determined by the  
10 department<sup>1</sup>.

11       b. The <sup>1</sup>[mobile] mobile-friendly<sup>1</sup> software <sup>1</sup>[program]<sup>1</sup> shall  
12 be made available free of charge and in multiple languages.  
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14       3. The commissioner shall apply for any:

15       a. waivers from the federal government, which are necessary  
16 for the approval and implementation of this act; and

17       b. grants through the SNAP Process and Technology  
18 Improvement Grants program within the United States Department  
19 of Agriculture to receive federal funding to implement the  
20 provisions of this act.  
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22       4. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the  
23 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-  
24 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations <sup>1</sup>as may be  
25 necessary<sup>1</sup> to effectuate the provisions of this act.  
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27       <sup>1</sup>5. There is appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to  
28 the Department of Human Services to fund the development and  
29 maintenance of the mobile friendly software required pursuant to  
30 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>  
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32       <sup>1</sup>[5.] 6.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.