



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1358/P3
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FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Electronic benefit transfer processing and funding for farmers; healthy eating incentive pilot program

This bill allows DHS to expend general purpose revenue to provide electronic benefit transfer processing equipment and services to farmer's markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers. The electronic benefit transfer system is the method used by DHS to deliver FoodShare benefits to recipients. FoodShare, also known as the food stamp program and the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, provides a monetary benefit to individuals who have limited financial resources for the purpose of purchasing food products.

The bill also limits the amount of general purpose revenue DHS may expend on the healthy eating incentive pilot program to \$425,000 per fiscal year. The purpose of the healthy eating incentive pilot program is to provide discounts on fresh produce and other healthy foods to FoodShare recipients. The bill also eliminates the time limit under current law for DHS to expend funds to contract with an entity to administer the healthy eating incentive program. Under current law, DHS could not expend any money for the program after December 31, 2019, except for amounts already encumbered on or before that date.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.435 (4) (bt) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (4) (bt) *Healthy eating incentive pilot program incentives.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule to contract with an entity to administer the healthy eating incentive program under s. 49.79 (7r). ~~No moneys may be expended under this paragraph after December 31, 2019, except for moneys encumbered on or before that date~~ and to provide electronic benefit transfer processing equipment and services to farmer's markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.435 (4) (bt). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1358/P2 and -1053/P1.

SECTION 2. 49.79 (7r) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

49.79 (7r) (d) The department may expend from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (bt) no more than \$425,000 per fiscal year for the pilot program under this subsection.

(END)