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2015 Senate Bill 402	Senate Amendment 1
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2015 SENATE BILL 402

The bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish a dietetic internship program under the supplemental food program for women, infants, and children (WIC), through which qualified nutritionists working for DHS or a local WIC agency may obtain experience necessary to become a registered dietitian nutritionist.

The bill specifies that each participant in the dietetic internship program must agree to work for WIC for 24 months after completion of the internship. The participant must reimburse DHS or the local WIC agency for any incurred costs associated with his or her participation in the internship if the participant either fails to take the dietetic registration examination within one year of completing the dietetic internship or terminates his or her employment before completing 24 months of employment.

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The amendment clarifies that the dietetic internship program established under the bill must be established using money received from the federal government for WIC. The amendment also authorizes DHS to create one new full time (FTE) position for the purpose of administration of the dietetic internship program.

Additionally, the amendment specifies that a participant in the dietetic internship program must reimburse either DHS or the local WIC agency for any incurred costs associated with his or her participation in the internship only if the participant either fails to take the dietetic registration examination within one year of completing the dietetic internship or “voluntarily” terminates his or her employment before 24 months has expired.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Roth offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 21, 2016. On January 28, 2016, the Senate Committee on Workforce Development, Public Works, and Military Affairs recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and passage of Senate Bill 402, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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