2014 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5001 (Chapter 1)

Item 347 (Not set out)

A. The amount for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall be expended under regulations of the Board of Social Services to reimburse county and city welfare/social services boards pursuant to § 63.2-401, Code of Virginia, and subject to the same percentage limitations for other administrative services performed by county and city public welfare/social services boards and superintendents of public welfare/social services pursuant to other provisions of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

B. Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, the Department of Social Services shall, in cooperation with local departments of social services, maintain a waiver of the work requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients residing in areas that do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for such individuals, including those areas designated as labor surplus areas by the U.S. Department of Labor.

C. To the extent permitted by federal law, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients subject to a work requirement pursuant to § 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, as amended, shall be permitted to satisfy such work requirement by providing volunteer services to a public or private, nonprofit agency for the number of hours per month determined by dividing the household's monthly SNAP allotment by the federal minimum wage.

D. The Department of Social Services shall, to the extent permitted by federal law, disregard the value of at least one motor vehicle per household in determining eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

E. The Department of Social Services shall develop a multi-lingual outreach campaign to inform qualified aliens and their children, who are United States citizens, of their eligibility for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and ensure that they have access to benefits under SNAP. To the extent permitted by federal law, the department shall administer SNAP in a way that minimizes the procedural burden on qualified aliens and addresses concerns about the impact of SNAP receipt on their immigration sponsors and status.