

Amendment to HB 1797-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Section; SNAP Benefit Eligibility Criteria and Verification Procedures. Amend RSA 167
4 by inserting after section 17-d the following new section:

5 167:17-e SNAP Benefit Eligibility Criteria and Verification Procedures.

6 I. The department of health and human services shall not seek any waiver of work
7 requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents under 7 U.S.C. section 2015(o)(4), nor shall
8 the department adopt any discretionary exemptions from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C.
9 section 2015(o)(6)(E) without prior legislative approval.

10 II. Unless expressly required by federal law, the department of health and human services
11 shall not:

12 (a) Grant categorical eligibility under 7 U.S.C. section 2014(a) or 7 C.F.R. section
13 273.2(j)(2)(ii) for any noncash, in-kind or other benefit.

14 (b) Apply gross income standards for SNAP higher than the standards specified in 7
15 U.S.C. section 2014(c).

16 (c) Apply asset standards for SNAP higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C.
17 section 2014(g).

18 III. The department of health and human services shall enter into a data-matching
19 agreement with the lottery and gaming commission to identify households with lottery or gambling
20 winnings of \$3,000 or more and, to the extent permissible under federal law, treat this data as
21 verified upon receipt. To the extent that the data may not be verified upon receipt, department shall
22 make such referrals as may be necessary to identify households with winnings equal to or greater
23 than the resource limit for elderly or disabled households as defined in 7 CFR 273.8(b).

24 IV. The department of health and human services shall enter into a data-sharing agreement
25 with the secretary of state, division of vital records, to receive and review, on a monthly basis,
26 information relative to individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicate a change in
27 circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP.

28 V. The department shall enter into a data-sharing agreement with the department of
29 employment security to receive and review, on at least a quarterly basis, information relative to
30 individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicate a change in circumstances that may affect
31 eligibility for SNAP, including but not limited to changes in employment or wages.

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1 VI. The department shall enter into a data-sharing agreement with the department of
2 corrections to receive and review, on at least a monthly basis, information relative to individuals in
3 households enrolled in SNAP who indicated a change in circumstance that may affect eligibility,
4 such as incarceration.

5 VII. The department shall enter into a data-sharing agreement with the department of
6 employment security to receive and review, on at least a semi-monthly basis, information relative to
7 individuals in households enrolled in SNAP who indicated a change in circumstance that may affect
8 eligibility for SNAP, including but not limited to potential changes in employment, income, or assets.

9 VIII. The department shall review, on at least a monthly basis, earned income information,
10 death register information, incarceration records, supplemental security income information,
11 beneficiary records, earnings information, and pension information maintained by the United States
12 Social Security administration to assess changes in circumstances for individuals in households
13 enrolled in SNAP that indicates a changes may affect eligibility for SNAP.

14 IX. The department shall review, on at least a monthly basis, income and employment
15 information maintained in the national directory of new hires database and child support
16 enforcement data maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to
17 assess changes in circumstances for individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicate a
18 changes that may affect eligibility for SNAP.

19 X. The department shall review, on at least a monthly basis, payment and earnings
20 information maintained by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to
21 assess changes in circumstances for individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicate a
22 change in circumstances that may affect eligibility for SNAP.

23 XI. The department shall review, on at least a monthly basis, national fleeing felon
24 information maintained by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation to assess changes in
25 circumstances for individuals in households enrolled in SNAP that indicate a change that may affect
26 eligibility for SNAP.

27 XII. The department shall assign households with zero net income, households with an able-
28 bodied adult without dependent member, or other households with circumstances that are deemed
29 unstable by the department to eligibility certification periods of no greater than 4 months but
30 generally no less than 3 months, as allowed pursuant to 7 CFR 273.10(f)(3)(ii).

31 XIII. The department shall utilize on at least a monthly basis the Systematic Alien
32 Verification for Entitlements online service or any other federal database used to determine
33 citizenship or immigration status to verify that an individual that is enrolled in or applying for
34 SNAP benefits is a United States citizen or alien that is eligible for food stamps pursuant to 7 U.S.C.
35 section 2015(f).

36 XIV. The department shall verify citizenship or qualified alien status pursuant to 7 U.S.C.
37 section 2015(f) upon enrollment and during eligibility recertification with acceptable forms of proof of

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1 citizenship or qualified alien status including birth or hospital records, voter registration cards, U.S.
2 passports, and United States Customs and Immigration Service documentation to verify citizenship
3 or naturalization such as the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements online service.

4 XV. The department shall prohibit any individual from receiving SNAP benefits unless they
5 are a citizen or a qualified alien eligible for SNAP pursuant to 7 U.S.C. section 2015(f) and refer the
6 individual to the United States Customs and Immigration Services if it is determined by the
7 department that an individual applying, receiving, or recertifying their eligibility for SNAP benefits
8 in New Hampshire is an illegal alien.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Strengthens work requirements for SNAP eligibility.
- II. Directs the department of health and human services to enter into data-sharing agreements with other state agencies to verify SNAP benefit eligibility.
- III. Directs the department to verify eligibility of enrollees that make exclusively out-of-state purchases.
- IV. Prohibits the department from using their discretion to set more lenient standards for SNAP eligibility or exemptions than those outlined in federal law.