

Amendment to SB 499-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the summer EBT program and the SNAP elderly simplified application
4 and making appropriations therefor.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Paragraphs; Human Service; Summer EBT and Elderly Simplified Application. Amend
9 RSA 161:2 by inserting after paragraph XIII-b the following new paragraphs:

10 XIII-c. Summer EBT. The department shall apply for and meet all deadlines to participate
11 in the federal Summer EBT program so that families whose children are eligible for free and reduced
12 price meals can receive benefits on an EBT card in the summer. The department shall include in its
13 biennial budget request under RSA 9:4 funding for any administrative costs related to administering
14 the federal Summer EBT program.

15 XIII-d. Elderly Simplified Application. The department shall apply for and participate in
16 the elderly simplified application project within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
17 (SNAP). The department shall include in its biennial budget request under RSA 9:4 funding for any
18 administrative costs related to administering the SNAP elderly simplified application.

19 2 Appropriations.

20 I. The sum of \$143,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
21 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding personnel costs associated with
22 the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act. The department may contract with
23 external resources, fill unfunded positions, or take other appropriate actions to facilitate the
24 administrative support required under the provisions of this bill. The governor is authorized to draw
25 a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

26 II. The sum of \$55,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
27 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding systems and technology costs
28 associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of
29 2024. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury
30 not otherwise appropriated.

31 III. The sum of \$667,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to
32 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding systems and technology

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1 costs associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of
2 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury
3 not otherwise appropriated.

4 IV. The sum of \$82,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
5 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding transaction fees in the issuance
6 of EBT costs associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the
7 summer of 2024. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
8 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

9 V. The sum of \$82,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
10 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding transaction fees in the issuance
11 of EBT costs associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the
12 summer of 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
13 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

14 VI. The sum of \$10,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
15 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding one-time set-up costs associated
16 with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of 2025. The
17 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
18 otherwise appropriated.

19 VII. The sum of \$25,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to
20 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding outreach costs associated
21 with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of 2025. The
22 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
23 otherwise appropriated.

24 VIII. The sum of \$37,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to
25 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding technology costs associated
26 with the SNAP elderly simplified application established by section 1 of this act. The governor is
27 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
28 appropriated.

29 IX. In addition to the appropriations contained in paragraphs I through VIII of this section,
30 the department of health and human services may accept and expend matching federal funds
31 without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court for this purpose.

32 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to participate in the federal summer EBT program and the SNAP elderly simplified application program and makes appropriations to the department for this purpose.