

SB 98-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        ***98-FN***

AN ACT            relative to the SNAP incentive program.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Walz, Merr. 23

COMMITTEE:      Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to implement SNAP health incentive programs and makes an appropriation to the department for this purpose.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT                      relative to the SNAP incentive program.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; Administration of State Food Stamp  
2 Program; Reference to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Added. Amend RSA  
3 161:2, XIII to read as follows:

4            XIII. Food Stamp Program. Develop and administer a food stamp program within the state,  
5 ***also known as SNAP, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program***, under the  
6 provisions of the Federal Food Stamp Act of 1964, as amended, and in accordance with Federal  
7 Regulations duly promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture and the United  
8 States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

9            ***XIII-a. SNAP Incentive Programs. Implement SNAP incentive programs enabling***  
10 ***beneficiaries of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to receive a dollar-***  
11 ***for-dollar match for fresh fruits and vegetables, with an emphasis on locally grown, at***  
12 ***participating farmer's markets, farm stands, mobile markets, community supported***  
13 ***agriculture sites, grocery stores, or other participating direct food retailers.***

14            2 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 161:4-  
15 a by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

16            XI-a. The implementation of SNAP incentive programs under RSA 161:2, XIII-a.

17            3 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation. The sum of \$150,000 for the  
18 biennium ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human  
19 services for the SNAP incentive programs under RSA 161:2, XIII-a. The governor is authorized to  
20 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

21            4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

**SB 98-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                    ☐ County                    ☐ Local                    ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement incentive programs through the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). The incentive programs would allow SNAP beneficiaries to receive a dollar-for-dollar match for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables. The bill provides a \$150,000 general fund appropriation for the purposes of the program in the FY22/23 biennium.

The Department of Health and Human Services states that as of January 2021, two SNAP incentive programs operate within NH by raising private funds, which are then matched by the federal government through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). The Department assumes the bill will allow it to contract with organizations to fund new or existing SNAP incentive programs, and to establish objective criteria by which bids or submissions for such contracts will be reviewed. The Department further assumes it will be constrained by the \$150,000 appropriation contained in the bill, limiting general fund expenditures to that amount.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Health and Human Services