

ASSEMBLY, No. 2325

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Transfers administration of certain nutrition programs to Department of Agriculture.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** transferring responsibility for the administration of certain
2 nutrition programs and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. As used in this section, “special nutrition programs”
9 means the “WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program” established
10 by the federal “WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Act of 1992,” Pub.
11 L. 102-314 (42 U.S.C. s.1771 et al.), the “Seniors Farmers’ Market
12 Nutrition Program” established by 7 U.S.C. s.3007, and the
13 “Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and
14 Children” established by 42 U.S.C. s.1786.

15 b. Pursuant to section 3 of the federal “WIC Farmers’ Market
16 Nutrition Act of 1992,” Pub. L. 102-314 (42 U.S.C. s.1771 et al.),
17 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the
18 Governor shall designate the Department of Agriculture as the
19 appropriate State agency to administer the “WIC Farmers’ Market
20 Nutrition Program.”

21 c. Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. s.3007, and the rules and regulations
22 adopted pursuant thereto, the Governor shall designate the
23 Department of Agriculture as the appropriate State agency to
24 administer the “Seniors Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program.”

25 d. Pursuant to the “Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
26 Women, Infants, and Children,” 42 U.S.C. s.1786, and the rules and
27 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the Department of Agriculture
28 shall be the designated State agency to administer the program.

29 e. Any employees of the Department of Health responsible for
30 administering the special nutrition programs prior to the enactment
31 of this act who the Secretary of Agriculture deems to be necessary
32 for the proper administration of the special nutrition programs are
33 transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

34 f. The transfer directed by this act shall be made in accordance
35 with the "State Agency Transfer Act," P.L.1971, c. 375 (C.52:14D-
36 1 et seq.).

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill would transfer primary administration of the WIC
44 Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, Seniors Farmers’ Market
45 Nutrition Program and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
46 Women, Infants, and Children from the Department of Health to the
47 Department of Agriculture. These programs were established
48 through the United States Department of Agriculture.

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1 Additionally, the bill would transfer all grants and other moneys
2 made available to the programs to the Department of Agriculture.
3 Finally, any employees of the Department of Health deemed
4 necessary for the proper administration of these programs would be
5 transferred to the Department of Agriculture