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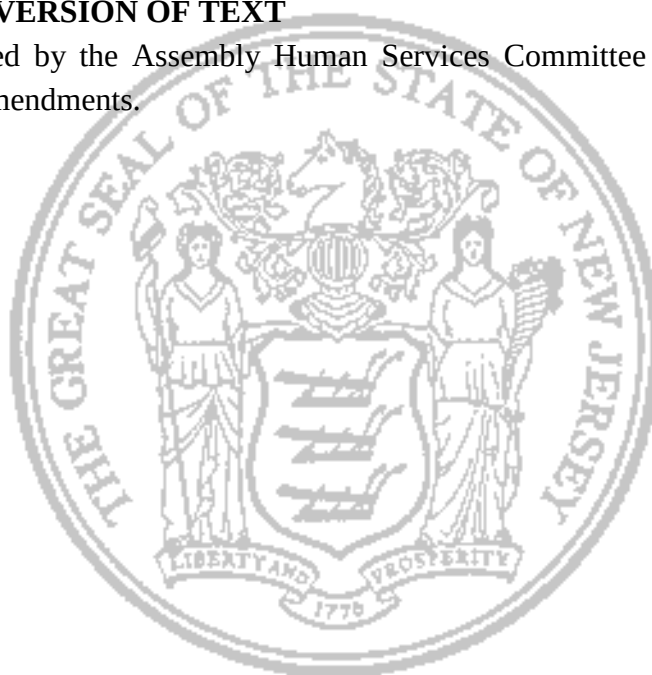
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Human Services Committee on August 10, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the evaluation of the New Jersey Supplemental
 2 Nutrition Assistance Program application process and
 3 supplementing Title 44 of the Revised 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. The Department of Human Services shall conduct a
 9 ¹biennial survey of county welfare agencies for the purpose of
 10 evaluating the SNAP experience of applicants and beneficiaries.
 11 The ¹biennial survey shall include, at a minimum, questions
 12 concerning the applicant's experience ¹in navigating the SNAP
 13 application process, any difficulties the applicant encountered in the
 14 application process, the availability of consumer support at the
 15 county welfare agency, and how well the applicant's questions and
 16 concerns were addressed by staff at the county welfare agency.

17 b. The purpose of the ¹biennial survey shall be to:

18 (1) identify the strengths and weaknesses of each county welfare
 19 agency in processing SNAP applications;

20 (2) formulate trainings or strategies to improve the processing of
 21 SNAP applications; and

22 (3) assess which counties require additional resource and staff
 23 support.

24 c. ¹**【The】** Each biennial survey developed by the department
 25 shall be distributed to SNAP applicants at each county welfare
 26 agency.

27 d. The commissioner shall make survey data collected pursuant
 28 to this section available through the Department of Human
 29 Services' Internet website in a user-friendly format, and shall, no
 30 later than 18 months after the ¹**【effective date of**
 31 **P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)】**
 32 completion of each biennial survey¹, submit a report to the
 33 ¹**【Legislature】** Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
 34 Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee, or their
 35 successor committees¹, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
 36 (C.52:14-19.1), ¹**【concerning】** documenting¹ the results of the
 37 ¹biennial survey and ¹providing¹ the commissioner's
 38 recommendations for legislation or other appropriate action.

39 e. As used in this section:

40 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

41 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

42 "SNAP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition
 43 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and
 44 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.)
 45 and P.L.1998, c.32 (C.44:10-79 et seq.).

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHU committee amendments adopted August 10, 2020.

1 2. The Commissioner of ¹**【Health】** Human Services¹, pursuant
2 to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
3 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
4 provisions of this act.

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6 3. This act shall take effect immediately.