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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to conduct public outreach regarding noncitizen SNAP participation.

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 participation of noncitizens in the New
2 Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program 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, working in
9 consultation and cooperation with relevant noncitizen advocacy
10 organizations, shall engage in comprehensive outreach efforts and
11 public awareness campaigns to ensure that all noncitizens are made
12 aware of how participation in SNAP affects whether a noncitizen
13 applying for admission or adjustment of status is inadmissible to the
14 United States, pursuant to the federal “Inadmissibility on Public
15 Charge Grounds” rule (84 FR 41292). At a minimum, the
16 department shall provide outreach at social service agencies that
17 serve noncitizens in the State and other organizations focused on
18 food assistance, and may use all available media, including print,
19 radio, televisions, and the Internet to provide information in
20 multiple languages on how participation in SNAP specifically
21 affects whether a noncitizen applying for admission or adjustment
22 of status is inadmissible to the United States and which types of
23 noncitizens are exempt from the rule.

24 b. As used in this section:

25 “Department” means the Department of Human Services.

26 “SNAP” means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition
27 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and
28 Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.)
29 and P.L.1998, c.32 (C.44:¹10-79¹ et seq.).

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31 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
32 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
33 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
34 provisions of this act.

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.