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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 245, *approved September 30, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5880 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning a mobile software program for New Jersey
2 Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program recipients
3 ¹**["and"]**,¹ supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes¹, and
4 making an appropriation¹.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:
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9 1. As used in this act:

10 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

11 "Electronic benefit transfer card or benefit card" means a benefit
12 card utilized by a consumer to gain access to nutrition assistance
13 program benefits.

14 ¹**["Mobile"]** Mobile-friendly¹ software ¹**["program"]**¹ means a
15 computer program or ¹web-based¹ software application designed to
16 be ¹**["downloaded onto and"]**¹ used in conjunction with a mobile
17 electronic communication device, as defined herein, and available
18 through multiple software platforms.

19 "Mobile electronic communication device" means any mobile
20 device capable of communication or other transmission of
21 information and includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone,
22 wireless tablet, or other device with Internet capability, or other
23 wireless communication device.

24 "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" or "SNAP" means
25 the supplemental nutrition assistance program, established pursuant
26 to the federal "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.88-525
27 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).
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29 2. a. The Department of Human Services shall develop and
30 maintain, or enter into or modify an agreement with a third party to
31 develop and maintain¹**["a mobile"]** mobile-friendly¹ software
32 ¹**["program"]**¹ for SNAP recipients. The ¹**["mobile"]** mobile-friendly¹
33 software ¹**["program"]**¹ shall include, but not be limited to,
34 functionality that allows a user of the mobile software program who
35 is recipient of SNAP benefits to:

36 (1) view the user's SNAP case status and the current benefits
37 the user receives;

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 AWC committee amendments adopted June 16, 2021.

- 1 (2) ¹view the current balance on the user’s electronic benefit
2 transfer card;
- 3 (3) ¹ request an electronic benefit transfer card or a
4 replacement card ¹and track the card’s expected time of arrival by
5 mail;
- 6 (4) ¹ (3) ¹ upload and submit required documents for continued
7 participation in SNAP and track the current processing status of
8 those documents;
- 9 ¹[(5)] (4) ¹ receive ¹alerts for upcoming SNAP appointments
10 and ¹notices and updates regarding¹ important deadlines or actions;
- 11 ¹[(6)] (5) ¹ read and print notices and letters;
- 12 ¹[(7)] (6) ¹ update contact information;
- 13 ¹[(8)] (7) ¹ request to have a letter mailed to the user listing the
14 amount of benefits the user receives; ¹and
- 15 (9) ¹ (8) ¹ view local contact information for the County Board of
16 Social Services for the county in which the user resides¹ and
17 (9) access any other functionalities as determined by the
18 department¹.
- 19 b. The ¹mobile mobile-friendly¹ software ¹program¹ shall
20 be made available free of charge and in multiple languages.
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- 22 3. The commissioner shall apply for any:
- 23 a. waivers from the federal government, which are necessary
24 for the approval and implementation of this act; and
- 25 b. grants through the SNAP Process and Technology
26 Improvement Grants program within the United States Department
27 of Agriculture to receive federal funding to implement the
28 provisions of this act.
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- 30 4. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the
31 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
32 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations ¹as may be
33 necessary¹ to effectuate the provisions of this act.
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- 35 ¹5. There is appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to
36 the Department of Human Services to fund the development and
37 maintenance of the mobile friendly software required pursuant to
38 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).¹
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- 40 ¹5. ¹6. ¹ This act shall take effect immediately.
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- 45 Directs DHS to develop mobile software for SNAP recipients;
46 appropriates \$2 million.