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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 453, ***approved January 18, 2022***
Assembly, No. 4241 ***(Second Reprint)***

**AN ACT** concerning the evaluation of the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program application process and supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. a. The Department of Human Services shall conduct a [1]biennial[1] survey of [2]**[**county welfare agencies**]** SNAP applicants and beneficiaries[2] for the purpose of evaluating the SNAP experience of [2]the[2] applicants and beneficiaries. The [1]biennial[1] survey shall include, at a minimum, questions concerning the applicant's [2]or beneficiary's[2] experience [1]in[1] navigating the SNAP application process, any difficulties the applicant [2]or beneficiary[2] encountered in the application process, the availability of consumer support at the county welfare agency, and how well the applicant's [2]or beneficiary's[2] questions and concerns were addressed by staff at the county welfare agency.

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

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

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

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

c. [1]**[**The**]** [2]**[**Each**]** When conducting the biennial[2] survey [2]**[**developed by**]** required pursuant to this section,[2] the department shall [2]**[**be**]** ensure the survey is[2] distributed to [2]all[2] SNAP applicants at each county welfare agency [2]throughout the duration of the survey period[2] .

d. The commissioner [2]**[**shall make survey data collected pursuant to this section available through the Department of Human Services' Internet website in a user-friendly format, and**]**[2] shall, no later than 18 months after the [1]**[**effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)**]** completion of each biennial survey[1], submit a report to the [1]**[**Legislature**]** [2]**[**Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee, or their successor committees[1]**]** Legislature[2] , pursuant to section 2

**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:**
**[1]Assembly AHU committee amendments adopted August 10, 2020.**
**[2]Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 6, 2021.**

of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), ¹[concerning] documenting¹ the results of the ¹biennial¹ survey and ¹providing¹ the commissioner's recommendations for legislation or other appropriate action.

e. As used in this section:

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

"Department" means the Department of Human Services.

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

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

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience.