

1 SENATE BILL 242

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE HUMAN SERVICES
12 DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
13 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO THE
14 FULL EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
20 PROGRAM--WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.--

21 A. The secretary shall:

22 (1) seek to have any waiver of federal work
23 participation requirements under the supplemental nutrition
24 assistance program revoked; and

25 (2) upon revocation of the waiver of federal

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1 work participation requirements, adopt and promulgate rules to
2 establish work participation requirements for recipients of
3 supplemental nutrition assistance to the full extent that
4 federal law authorizes, including provisions for granting
5 exemptions to work participation requirements in accordance
6 with federal law.

7 B. As used in this section:

8 (1) "supplemental nutrition assistance
9 program" means the program, formerly known as "food stamps",
10 established under the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
11 and federal regulations pursuant to that act; and

12 (2) "work participation" means the following
13 activities, performed in a manner and for a length of time
14 specified in department rules:

15 (a) work in exchange for money;

16 (b) work in exchange for goods or
17 services, also known as "in kind" work;

18 (c) unpaid work, which includes work
19 without compensation that gives a recipient experience in a job
20 or industry, tests a recipient's job skills or involves time
21 that a recipient spends volunteering time and effort to a
22 not-for-profit organization; or

23 (d) a combination of any of the
24 activities listed in Subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this
25 subsection."

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