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SENATE BILL 142

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK AND IMPLEMENT A FEDERAL WAIVER OF THE TIME LIMIT ON ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO TRACK AND REPORT ON THE COST OF ADMINISTERING THE TIME LIMIT FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE; DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO OBTAIN A FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

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1 PROGRAM--THREE-MONTH TIME LIMIT--EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
2 PROGRAM.--

3 A. No later than March 31, 2016 and by every
4 October 1 thereafter, the secretary shall seek a federal waiver
5 of the supplemental nutrition assistance program's three-month
6 time limit on participation for able-bodied adults between the
7 ages of eighteen and forty-nine years old who are without
8 dependents. The secretary shall implement and update any
9 waiver of the three-month time limit to the full extent
10 permitted by federal law.

11 B. If the secretary is required by federal law to
12 implement the supplemental nutrition assistance program's
13 three-month time limit in portions of the state that do not
14 qualify for a federal waiver, the secretary shall track and
15 publicly report, on an annual basis, the following:

16 (1) the cost of administering the supplemental
17 nutrition assistance program's three-month time limit;

18 (2) the number of supplemental nutrition
19 assistance program recipients in the state who must comply with
20 the supplemental nutrition assistance program's three-month
21 time limit; and

22 (3) the number of supplemental nutrition
23 assistance program recipients who were disqualified from
24 receiving food assistance for noncompliance with the
25 supplemental nutrition assistance program's three-month time

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1 limit and the corresponding loss, in dollars, of federal food
2 assistance to New Mexico.

3 C. By July 1 of each year, the secretary shall
4 contract with the bureau of business and economic research of
5 the university of New Mexico to conduct a fiscal impact
6 analysis of the supplemental nutrition assistance program's
7 employment and training program. The analysis shall include
8 the following information, on an annual basis:

9 (1) the cost of administering the supplemental
10 nutrition assistance program's employment and training program;

11 (2) the number of supplemental nutrition
12 assistance program recipients in the state who participate in
13 the supplemental nutrition assistance program's employment and
14 training program;

15 (3) the number of supplemental nutrition
16 assistance program recipients in the state who gained
17 employment or increased earnings from participation in the
18 supplemental nutrition assistance program's employment and
19 training program; and

20 (4) the number of supplemental nutrition
21 assistance program recipients who were disqualified from
22 receiving food assistance for noncompliance with the
23 supplemental nutrition assistance program's employment and
24 training program or any other work requirement that is met by
25 participation in the employment and training program and the

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1 corresponding loss, in dollars, of federal food assistance to
2 New Mexico.

3 D. By January 1 of each year, the secretary shall
4 report to the legislative finance committee and the legislative
5 health and human services committee the results of the
6 supplemental nutrition assistance program's employment and
7 training program fiscal impact analysis conducted pursuant to
8 Subsection C of this section."

9 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars
10 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the human
11 services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to fund
12 a fiscal impact analysis pursuant to Subsection C of Section 1
13 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
14 at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general
15 fund.