

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1270-ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: SNAP benefits program; waiver to allow inmates of correctional facilities to apply prior to release.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Social Services (the Department) to submit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture a request for a waiver to allow individuals in the custody of state or local correctional facilities to apply for SNAP benefits prior to release from custody and, upon approval of such waiver, to (i) implement a process by which such individuals may apply for SNAP benefits prior to release and (ii) distribute to the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails information regarding such process. The Department shall report the work group's findings and recommendations, including the waiver proposal, to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to create a work group to analyze and develop a proposal to request a waiver of the provisions of 7 C.F.R. § 273.1(b)(7)(vi) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow individuals in the custody of state or local correctional facilities in the Commonwealth to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits prior to release from custody. DSS is required to report the work group's findings and recommendations, including the waiver proposal, to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022. The agency can absorb this additional work within its current staffing and funding levels; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local department of social services, Department of Corrections, local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.