

HCS HB 1486 -- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

SPONSOR: Kelly (141)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 5 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill requires any individual participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to comply with the work requirements described in federal statute and regulations. Any nonexempt participant who refuses or fails without good cause to comply with the work requirements will be ineligible to participate in the program for the duration of the disqualification period as follows:

- (1) For the first occurrence of noncompliance, the individual will be disqualified for three months;
- (2) For the second occurrence of noncompliance, the individual will be disqualified for six months; and
- (3) For the third occurrence of noncompliance, the individual will be disqualified permanently.

Except in cases of permanent disqualification, an individual may resume participation in SNAP at the end of a disqualification period if the individual applies again and is in compliance with the work requirements. A disqualified individual may be permitted to resume participation during a disqualification period by becoming exempt from the work requirements.

An individual disqualified under these provisions shall be entitled to a fair hearing under applicable federal and state law.

This bill is the similar to SB 561 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that pushing people to work is a good thing.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelly; Opportunity Solutions Project; Concerned Women For America of Missouri; and Americans For Prosperity.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that anything that causes a family to lose food stamps is very concerning, especially if it is punishing children for the mistake of the parents.

Testifying against the bill were Trina Ragain, Operation Food Search; Glenn Koenen, Empower Missouri; Empower Missouri; and the American Heart Association.