

**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY****State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****SB3276**

Introduced 2/3/2026, by Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 5015/10
20 ILCS 5015/25 new

Amends the Commission to End Hunger Act. Creates the SNAP Response Working Group. Provides that the co-chairs of the Commission to End Hunger shall convene and appoint the co-chairs of the Working Group. Provides that the Working Group shall review and analyze federal changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), gather and analyze data regarding the potential impact of the federal changes to SNAP on Illinois residents, and gather relevant estimates and data about Illinois' SNAP payment error rate, including the monthly State-reported error rate. Requires the SNAP Response Working Group to make projections about the cost to the State to maintain SNAP in Illinois in federal Fiscal Year 2028. Directs the Working Group to submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2027. Provides that the preliminary report shall outline the federal changes to SNAP and identify the number of State residents impacted by those changes. Further provides that the preliminary report shall include initial recommendations for State action to prevent or mitigate any harm to State residents caused by the federal changes and shall project the cost to maintain the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Illinois in federal Fiscal Year 2028. Provides that, no later than April 1, 2027, the Working Group shall issue a full report to the General Assembly that includes an analysis on the impact of federal changes to SNAP on Illinois, final recommendations for State action to prevent or mitigate harm resulting from those changes, updated projections of the cost to maintain the program in federal Fiscal Year 2028, and any other cost projections relating to the Working Group's recommendations. Requires the SNAP Response Working Group to provide any relevant additional updates to its recommendations or projections as appropriate. Specifies that all reports of the Working Group shall be published by the Department of Human Services on its website. Provides that the SNAP Working Group shall be dissolved on May 31, 2027. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Commission to End Hunger Act is amended by
5 changing Section 10 and by adding Section 25 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5015/10)

7 Sec. 10. Creation of the Commission to End Hunger.

8 (a) The General Assembly authorizes the Department of
9 Human Services to create the Commission to End Hunger.

10 (b) The purpose of the Commission to End Hunger shall be to
11 develop an action plan every 2 years, review the progress of
12 this plan, and ensure cross-collaboration among government
13 entities and community partners toward the goal of ending
14 hunger in Illinois.

15 (c) Key duties of the Commission shall include the
16 following:

17 (1) Identify all funding sources which can be used
18 toward improving nutrition and ending hunger, for which
19 the State has administrative control, and develop
20 recommendations for future funding.

21 (2) Identify barriers to access and develop
22 sustainable policies and programs to address those
23 barriers.

1 (3) Promote and facilitate public-private
2 partnerships.

3 (4) Develop benchmarks and set goals to indicate
4 success.

5 (5) Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on
6 progress.

7 (6) Convene and appoint the co-chairs of the SNAP
8 Response Working Group.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-1119, eff. 7-20-10.)

10 (20 ILCS 5015/25 new)

11 Sec. 25. SNAP Response Working Group.

12 (a) As used in this Section:

13 "Federal changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
14 Program" or "federal changes to SNAP" means changes to the
15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under Public Law
16 119-21 and any federal regulatory changes to the Supplemental
17 Nutrition Assistance Program since the enactment of Public Law
18 119-21.

19 "SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
20 Program.

21 "Working Group" means the SNAP Response Working Group
22 established under this Section.

23 (b) A SNAP Response Working Group shall be convened by the
24 Illinois Commission to End Hunger for the purpose of:

25 (1) evaluating the impacts of federal changes to the

1 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under Public Law
2 119-21 on Illinois residents receiving or in need of food
3 assistance;

4 (2) providing critical information and analysis to the
5 General Assembly about those impacts; and

6 (3) making recommendations about how to prevent or
7 mitigate harm to Illinoisans who are receiving SNAP
8 benefits or who are otherwise in need of food assistance
9 as a result of the federal changes to the Supplemental
10 Nutrition Assistance Program.

11 (c) The Working Group shall have two co-chairs who shall
12 have the authority to determine meeting schedules, hearing
13 schedules, and agendas. One co-chair shall be the
14 representative of a food bank that serves a community of over 5
15 million people. The other co-chair shall be either a member of
16 the Illinois Senate or a member of the Illinois House of
17 Representatives who has been appointed to the Working Group as
18 set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

19 (d) The Working Group shall be composed of 26 members
20 appointed as follows:

21 (1) 2 co-chairs of the Working Group, appointed by the
22 co-chairs of the Commission;

23 (2) 2 members of the Illinois Senate, appointed by the
24 President of the Senate;

25 (3) 2 members of the Illinois Senate, appointed by the
26 Senate Minority Leader;

1 (4) 2 members of the Illinois House of
2 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives;

4 (5) 2 members of the Illinois House of
5 Representatives, appointed by the House Minority Leader;

6 (6) one member who is a representative of the Office
7 of the Governor, designated by the Governor;

8 (7) the Director of Aging or the Director of Aging's
9 designee;

10 (8) the Director of Healthcare and Family Services or
11 the Director of Healthcare and Family Services' designee;

12 (9) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary
13 of Human Services' designee; and

14 (10) the following 12 members, appointed by the
15 co-chairs of the Working Group:

16 (A) one member who is a representative of a food
17 bank that serves a community of less than 5 million
18 people;

19 (B) one member who is a representative of a mutual
20 aid organization that provides food assistance;

21 (C) one member who is a representative of a
22 statewide coalition that represents human service
23 providers;

24 (D) one member who is a representative of a
25 statewide business association that represents grocery
26 stores;

1 (E) one member who is a representative of an
2 organization that provides domestic violence services;

3 (F) one member who is a representative of an
4 organization that provides free legal services to
5 people experiencing poverty;

6 (G) one member who is a representative of an
7 organization whose mission is to end homelessness;

8 (H) one member who is a representative of an
9 organization that advocates on behalf of children;

10 (I) one member who is a representative of an
11 organization that advocates on behalf of older adults;

12 (J) one member who is a representative of an
13 organization that advocates on behalf of people with
14 disabilities;

15 (K) one member who is a representative of an
16 advocacy organization dedicated to promoting the
17 leadership of low-income individuals and households,
18 many of whom participate in the SNAP, in chapters
19 statewide;

20 (L) one member who is a representative of a union
21 representing front line State employees who administer
22 public benefits programs.

23 (e) Members of the Working Group shall serve without
24 compensation and shall be adults and residents of Illinois.

25 (f) Appointments shall be made within 30 days after the
26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General

1 Assembly.

2 (g) The Directors of relevant State agencies, including
3 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the
4 Department on Aging, and the Department of Human Services,
5 shall, to the extent practicable and subject to federal and
6 State law, provide any relevant data requested by the Working
7 Group regarding the potential impact of federal changes to
8 SNAP, including any data, estimates, or projections about the
9 SNAP payment error rate, SNAP participation, and projected
10 costs.

11 (h) The duties of the Working Group shall be as follows:

12 (1) to review and analyze the federal changes to SNAP
13 and the timeline for those changes;

14 (2) to gather and analyze data regarding the potential
15 impact of the federal changes to SNAP on Illinois
16 residents, including, but not limited to:

17 (A) the number of people who will lose access to
18 SNAP benefits because of the federal changes, by
19 county, and, if possible, legislative district;

20 (B) the potential disparate impact the federal
21 changes to SNAP will have on certain Illinois
22 residents, including, but not limited to, children,
23 older adults, immigrants, communities of color, people
24 experiencing homelessness, rural communities,
25 veterans, and people with disabilities;

26 (C) the economic impact that a reduction or loss

1 of SNAP benefits and the Supplemental Nutrition
2 Assistance Program overall will have on Illinois, on a
3 statewide basis, by county, and, if possible,
4 legislative district;

5 (D) the impact of the federal changes to SNAP on
6 other State-funded services; and

7 (E) the impact of federal changes to SNAP on the
8 capacity of the emergency food system;

9 (3) to gather relevant estimates and data about
10 Illinois' SNAP payment error rate, including the monthly
11 State-reported error rate, and make projections about the
12 cost to the State to maintain the Supplemental Nutritional
13 Assistance Program in Illinois in federal Fiscal Year
14 2028; and

15 (4) to identify non-SNAP food assistance available
16 across Illinois and evaluate its capacity to meet the
17 needs of the people of Illinois.

18 (i) The Working Group shall submit:

19 (1) a summary report to the General Assembly on or
20 before January 1, 2027, which, at minimum:

21 (A) outlines the federal changes to SNAP;

22 (B) identifies the number of State residents
23 impacted by those changes;

24 (C) includes initial recommendations for State
25 action to prevent or mitigate harm to Illinois SNAP
26 benefit recipients or Illinois residents in need of

1 food assistance resulting from the federal changes to
2 SNAP; and

3 (D) projects the cost to the State to maintain the
4 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in federal
5 Fiscal Year 2028 as the program is implemented at the
6 time the report is issued; and

7 (2) a full report to the General Assembly on or before
8 April 1, 2027, which includes:

9 (A) an analysis of the impact of the federal
10 changes to SNAP on Illinois;

11 (B) final recommendations for State action to
12 prevent or mitigate harm resulting from federal
13 changes to SNAP on SNAP benefit recipients or Illinois
14 residents in need of other food assistance;

15 (C) an updated projection of the cost to the State
16 to maintain the Supplemental Nutrition Assistant
17 Program in federal Fiscal Year 2028 as the program is
18 implemented at the time that the report is issued; and

19 (D) any other cost projections, including any
20 potential cost savings, related to the
21 recommendations.

22 The Working Group shall also provide any additional
23 relevant updates to its recommendations or projections to the
24 General Assembly as appropriate.

25 (j) The reports, projections, updates, or other relevant
26 information regarding the Working Group shall be made

1 available by the Department of Human Services on its website.

2 (k) Staff support for the Working Group, including
3 scheduling, compilation of data, and drafting support, may be
4 provided by staff of a food bank or other organization with a
5 representative on the Working Group.

6 (l) The Working Group is dissolved, and this Section is
7 repealed, on May 31, 2027.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.