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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE TRANSITION PILOT PROGRAM.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Supplemental nutrition assistance transition pilot
3 program; reporting requirements; funding;
4 delayed repeal

5 A. Within sixty days after the effective date of this section, the
6 department of economic security shall develop a pilot program that allows
7 nutrition assistance to individuals and families who no longer qualify for
8 the supplemental nutrition assistance program pursuant to title 46,
9 chapter 2, article 2 and who are transitioning off receiving supplemental
10 assistance.

11 B. The department of economic security shall establish criteria for
12 receiving benefits under this pilot program that include the following:

13 1. The income threshold, over the federal poverty guideline
14 requirements for supplemental nutrition assistance, qualifies an
15 individual or family to receive nutrition assistance.

16 2. The length of time an individual or family has received
17 supplemental nutrition assistance before transitioning off of the
18 supplemental nutrition assistance program.

19 3. A process to determine those individuals and families who are
20 currently receiving supplemental nutrition assistance benefits and who
21 will need additional benefits, and for what period of time, to permanently
22 transition off of the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

23 C. On or before June 1, 2024, June 1, 2025 and June 1, 2026, the
24 department of economic security shall report on the progress of the pilot
25 program and whether transition funding is needed. The report shall be
26 provided to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
27 president of the senate and the chairpersons of the health and human
28 services committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

29 D. The department of economic security shall petition the federal
30 government for federal grants or waivers to implement this pilot program.
31 The department may use legislative appropriations, private donations,
32 grants and federal monies to implement, support, promote and maintain the
33 program.

34 E. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2026.