



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 57

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund

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Senate Bill 57 as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means General Fund would increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) by requiring the department to request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to authorize the department to exclude soda and candy from the definition of "eligible foods" for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with an implementation date of no sooner than April 1, 2027.

This bill would also increase the obligations of DHR by an undetermined amount to: (1) provide advanced notice of the effective date of the waiver to SNAP retailers; and (2) publish on its website items included and excluded under the waiver with guidance on SNAP-eligible and SNAP-ineligible purchases, including universal product codes or other standard point-of-sale identifiers used by retailers.

Granting of the waiver would not directly affect state or local funding, as it only changes the eligible foods that can be purchased and not the amount of benefits received by SNAP beneficiaries.