

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to explore and
2 implement strategies to maximize the utilization of the Supplemental Nutrition
3 Assistance Program Employment and Training program.

4 WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and
5 Training program (SNAP E&T) is a critical federal initiative designed to assist
6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients in gaining skills, training, or work
7 experience necessary to achieve self-sufficiency; and

8 WHEREAS, SNAP E&T provides services such as job search assistance, education,
9 vocational training, work experience programs, and support services which can help low-
10 income individuals secure stable employment; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentucky faces challenges with workforce participation rates and
12 economic disparities, especially in rural and underserved areas, which could benefit
13 significantly from the expanded use of SNAP E&T; and

14 WHEREAS, expanding the utilization of SNAP E&T can reduce dependency on
15 public assistance programs by empowering individuals to transition into stable, higher-
16 paying employment opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, enhanced SNAP E&T can strengthen Kentucky's workforce,
18 contributing to economic growth and a more resilient labor market; and

19 WHEREAS, federal funding is available to support the implementation and
20 expansion of SNAP E&T, including a fifty-fifty reimbursement structure for allowable
21 program costs, thereby reducing the financial burden on the state; and

22 WHEREAS, neighboring states have successfully leveraged SNAP E&T to enhance
23 workforce development and achieve measurable improvements in employment outcomes
24 for low-income residents; and

25 WHEREAS, an expanded SNAP E&T can address barriers to employment such as
26 lack of access to transportation, child care, or educational resources, thus fostering
27 greater equity and inclusion in the workforce;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
3 *Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The Senate urges the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to
5 explore and implement strategies to maximize the utilization of the SNAP E&T program.

6 ➔Section 2. The Senate encourages the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to
7 engage with community-based organizations, employers, and educational institutions to
8 build partnerships that support the delivery of SNAP E&T services.

9 ➔Section 3. The Senate urges the Cabinet for Health and Family Services identify
10 and address any barriers to participation in SNAP E&T and develop targeted outreach
11 initiatives to ensure that eligible individuals are aware of and can access these vital
12 services.

13 ➔Section 4. The Senate encourages the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to
14 compile a report detailing findings, strategies, and recommendations for expanding
15 SNAP E&T utilization in Kentucky and to submit the report to the General Assembly by
16 December 1, 2025.

17 ➔Section 5. The Senate recognizes that the benefits of expanding SNAP E&T
18 utilization include increased employment opportunities, economic self-sufficiency,
19 reduced poverty rates, and a strengthened workforce, all of which contribute to a brighter
20 and more prosperous future for Kentucky.

21 ➔Section 6. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 275 East Main
23 Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621.