

1 AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program education and
2 training plan.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 205.2003 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The secretary shall promulgate~~[by]~~ administrative regulations in accordance
6 with~~[subject to the provisions of]~~ KRS Chapter 13A to develop a work program for
7 recipients of public assistance under Title IV-A of the Federal Social Security Act
8 to provide for immediate employment or preparation for employment.

9 (2) The self-sufficiency of participants shall be the primary goal of the work program.~~]~~
10 ~~]~~ Participants shall bear the ultimate responsibility in pursuit of this goal.

11 (3) In partnership with participants, the cabinet shall assess their strengths and needs
12 and provide supportive services to assist in the pursuit of work and self-sufficiency.

13 **(4) (a) The cabinet shall develop and implement initiatives under Kentucky's**
14 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program education and training plan**
15 **established in accordance with 7 C.F.R. sec. 273.7 to promote improved**
16 **employment outcomes and workforce participation. The initiatives shall:**

17 **1. Be related to healthy workforce habits among eligible individuals;**

18 **2. Include establishing partnerships with public and private entities,**
19 **including but not limited to workforce boards, educational institutions,**
20 **employers, and community organizations;**

21 **3. Include partner-funded programs supporting household food security**
22 **and improved nutrition, including but not limited to an incentive**
23 **program for the purpose of increasing the purchase and consumption**
24 **of nutritious foods both at work and at home;**

25 **4. Include job readiness, occupational training, and work-based learning**
26 **opportunities;**

27 **5. Implement employment assessment and individualized employment**

- 1 planning; and
- 2 6. Include case management and employment navigation services.
- 3 (b) To the extent allowable by federal law, utilize federal Supplemental
- 4 Nutrition Assistance Program matching grant funds as provided in 7 C.F.R.
- 5 sec. 273.7(d);
- 6 (c) On or before December 1, 2026, pursue any federal approvals necessary to
- 7 implement the expansion, including a submission of a state plan
- 8 amendment to Kentucky's federally approved Supplemental Nutrition
- 9 Assistance Program education and training plan; and
- 10 (d) The cabinet shall submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission
- 11 for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services and appear
- 12 before the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services annually to update
- 13 the members of the committee regarding program participation levels,
- 14 employment outcomes, healthy workforce outcomes, federal fund draw
- 15 downs, and program impacts.