

By Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a state nutrition assistance
3 reimbursement program; creating s. 402.88, F.S.;
4 requiring the Department of Children and Families to
5 develop and implement a nutrition assistance
6 reimbursement program to reimburse community-based
7 nonprofit organizations and nonprofit religious
8 organizations providing certain enrollment assistance
9 services; requiring the department to determine
10 eligibility criteria and application procedures for
11 the program; requiring the submission of an
12 application on a form prescribed by the department for
13 reimbursement under the program; requiring the
14 department to establish a funding mechanism to support
15 the authorization of reimbursements under the program;
16 requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an
17 effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21 Section 1. Section 402.88, Florida Statutes, is created to
22 read:

23 402.88 State nutrition assistance reimbursement program.-

24 (1) The department shall develop and implement a state
25 nutrition assistance reimbursement program for the purpose of
26 reimbursing eligible community-based nonprofit organizations or
27 nonprofit religious organizations operating under s. 501(c)(3)
28 of the Internal Revenue Code for administrative costs directly
29 incurred in providing enrollment assistance services for food

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30 assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition
31 Assistance Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition
32 Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

33 (2) The department shall determine eligibility criteria and
34 application procedures for the program. An eligible community-
35 based nonprofit organization or nonprofit religious organization
36 shall submit to the department an application on a form
37 prescribed by the department for reimbursement under the
38 program.

39 (3) The department shall establish a funding mechanism to
40 support the authorization of reimbursements under the program.

41 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
42 section.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.