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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to a state nutrition assistance
 reimbursement program; creating s. 402.88, F.S.;
 requiring the Department of Children and Families to
 develop and implement a nutrition assistance
 reimbursement program to reimburse eligible community-
 based nonprofit organizations and nonprofit religious
 organizations providing certain enrollment assistance
 services; requiring the department to determine
 eligibility criteria and application procedures for
 the program; authorizing community-based nonprofit
 organizations and nonprofit religious organizations to
 apply for reimbursement under the program if a certain
 condition is met; requiring the submission of an
 application on a form prescribed by the department for
 reimbursement under the program; requiring the
 department to establish a funding mechanism to support
 the authorization of reimbursements under the program;
 requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an
 effective date.

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

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

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26 402.88 State nutrition assistance reimbursement program.-

27 (1) The department shall develop and implement a state
28 nutrition assistance reimbursement program for the purpose of
29 reimbursing eligible community-based nonprofit organizations or
30 nonprofit religious organizations operating under s. 501(c)(3)
31 of the Internal Revenue Code for administrative costs directly
32 incurred in providing enrollment assistance services for food
33 assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition
34 Assistance Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition
35 Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

36 (2) The department shall determine eligibility criteria
37 and application procedures for the program. A community-based
38 nonprofit organization or nonprofit religious organization may
39 apply for reimbursement under the program if it has been
40 providing enrollment assistance services as described in
41 subsection (1) for at least 2 years. A community-based nonprofit
42 organization or nonprofit religious organization must submit to
43 the department an application on a form prescribed by the
44 department for reimbursement under the program.

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

47 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
48 section.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.