

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 state nutrition assistance  
6       reimbursement program for a specified purpose;  
7       requiring the department to determine eligibility  
8       criteria and application procedures for the program;  
9       providing application requirements; requiring the  
10      department to establish a funding mechanism to support  
11      reimbursements under the program; requiring the  
12      department to adopt rules; providing an effective  
13      date.

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

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

19       402.88 State nutrition assistance reimbursement program.-

20       (1) The department shall develop and implement a state  
21 nutrition assistance reimbursement program to reimburse eligible  
22 community-based nonprofit organizations or nonprofit religious  
23 organizations operating under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
24 Revenue Code for administrative costs directly incurred in  
25 providing enrollment assistance services for food assistance  
26 programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
27 and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,  
28 Infants, and Children.

29       (2) The department shall determine eligibility criteria and

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30 application procedures for the program. To receive reimbursement  
31 under the program, an eligible community-based nonprofit  
32 organization or nonprofit religious organization must submit an  
33 application to the department on a form prescribed by the  
34 department.

35 (3) The department shall establish a funding mechanism to  
36 support reimbursements under the program.

37 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
38 section.

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