

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 609

Relating to students' eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Campos

SB 609 helps low-wage graduate students and their families who are at-risk of food insecurity by requiring the DHS to consider graduate assistant hours as “hours worked in employment” for purposes of meeting work requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. DHS estimates it will cost \$264,000 to modify the ONE eligibility system and applicant portal. The amendment adds funding to the bill.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 609 be amended by the –A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.