

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 609**

Ordered by the Senate June 6  
Including Senate Amendments dated March 31 and June 6

Sponsored by Senator CAMPOS, Representative NERON; Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GOLDEN, GORSEK, MANNING JR, WOODS, Representatives CHAICHI, DEXTER, EVANS, GAMBA, HIEB, HUDSON, NELSON, PHAM K (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of Human Services to consider hours worked as graduate assistant as hours worked in employment for purpose of meeting work requirements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to students' eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; creating  
3 new provisions; and amending ORS 411.806.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 411.806 to**  
6 **411.845.**

7 **SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall consider hours worked as a grad-**  
8 **uate assistant as hours worked in employment for the purpose of meeting employment and**  
9 **training or other work requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.**

10 **SECTION 3. ORS 411.806 is amended to read:**

11 411.806. As used in ORS 411.806 to 411.845, unless the context or a specially applicable statutory  
12 definition requires otherwise:

13 (1) "Administrative costs" means, but is not limited to, costs in connection with:

14 (a) Distributing supplemental nutrition assistance to recipients under the Supplemental Nutri-  
15 tion Assistance Program;

16 (b) The compensation of personnel while employed in carrying out ORS 411.806 to 411.845; and

17 (c) Reimbursement of the federal government for any loss described in ORS 411.830.

18 (2) **"Graduate assistant" means an extern or a graduate student or fellow at an institu-**  
19 **tion of higher education who is paid to work in teaching, administration or research while**  
20 **the student completes the academic requirements for an advanced degree at the institution.**

21 [(2)] (3) "Household" means two or more related or nonrelated individuals who [*do not*] reside  
22 **together not** in an institution.

23 [(3)] (4) "Issuing agency" means the Department of Human Services.

24 [(4)] (5) "Recipient" means an individual or household determined and certified, pursuant to ORS  
25 411.816 or 411.825, to be eligible to receive supplemental nutrition assistance under the Supple-  
26 mental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1            [(5)] (6) “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program” means a program under which the federal  
2 government makes aid available to the state or its agencies for distribution through electronic  
3 benefits transfer or by check to individuals and households certified to be in economic need of and  
4 eligible to receive such aid for the purchase of food from retail food outlets.

5            **SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to ORS 411.806 by section 3  
6 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2025.

7            **SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation  
8 made to the Department of Human Services by section 1 (8), chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws  
9 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for Oregon Eligibility  
10 Partnership, is increased by \$105,600 for information technology system changes required to  
11 carry out the provisions of this 2023 Act.

12            **SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on  
13 expenditures established by section 3 (8), chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House  
14 Bill 5026), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of ex-  
15 penses from federal funds, excluding federal funds described in section 2, chapter \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5026), collected or received by the Department of  
17 Human Services, for Oregon Eligibility Partnership, is increased by \$158,400 for information  
18 technology system changes required to carry out the provisions of this 2023 Act.

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