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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to enhance the operation of the employment and training program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DELBENE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SNAP E&T Enhance-
5 ments Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO SNAP E&T.**

7 The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
8 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection 5(d)—

2 (A) in paragraph (18) by striking “and” at
3 the end,

4 (B) in paragraph (19) by striking the pe-
5 riod at the end and inserting “; and”, and

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (19) the
7 following:

8 “(20) income a household member receives from
9 allowances, earning, and payments to household
10 members participating in any program defined in
11 section 6(o)(1), any program established under sec-
12 tion 6(d)(4), any vocational rehabilitation program
13 established and defined under the Rehabilitation Act
14 of 1973, and any refugee employment program es-
15 tablished and defined under section 412(c) of the
16 Immigration and Nationality Act.”,

17 (2) in section 6—

18 (A) in subsection (d)(4)(B)(i)—

19 (i) in subclause (IV) by striking “Pro-
20 grams” and all that follows through
21 “shall” and inserting “Programs designed
22 to improve the employability of household
23 members through actual work experience
24 or training, or both, and to enable individ-
25 uals employed or trained under such pro-

1 grams to move promptly into regular pub-
2 lic or private employment, including sub-
3 sidized employment, on-the-job training as
4 defined by the Workforce Innovation and
5 Opportunity Act, and apprenticeships. An
6 employment or training experience pro-
7 gram established under this clause shall”,
8 and

9 (ii) in subclause (VII) by striking
10 “90” and inserting “180”, and

11 (B) in subparagraph (I) by amending
12 clause (i) to read as follows:

13 “(i) The State agency may provide
14 payments or reimbursements to partici-
15 pants in programs carried out under this
16 paragraph, including individuals partici-
17 pating under subparagraph (G) for the ac-
18 tual costs to address barriers for individ-
19 uals to persist in and complete their par-
20 ticipation.”,

21 (3) in section 6(d)(2) by adding at the end the
22 following: “In the case of any individual who is a re-
23 cipient of supplemental nutrition assistance program
24 benefits and is exempt from requirements by the
25 State agency specified in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) of this

1 subsection, the individual may request that a pro-
2 vider of supplemental nutrition assistance program
3 employment and training services screen the recipi-
4 ent for appropriateness for participation in the serv-
5 ice program, notwithstanding any determination by
6 the State agency of eligibility of the individual for
7 such services. The provider shall notify the State
8 agency of any individuals the provider identifies as
9 appropriate for the program and verify other eligi-
10 bility conditions from the State for the supplemental
11 nutrition assistance program prior to enrollment in
12 the service program.”, and

13 (4) in section 16(h)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

16 (I) by striking “\$103,900,000”

17 and inserting “\$119,900,600”, and

18 (II) by striking “24 months” and

19 inserting “36 months”, and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(ii) by strik-

21 ing “270” and inserting “365”, and

22 (B) by amending subparagraph (4) to read

23 as follows:

24 “(4) Funds provided to a State agency under this

25 subsection may be used only for operating an employment

1 and training program under section 6(d)(4), including
2 wages paid under programs described in
3 6(d)(4)(B)(i)(IV), or a pilot project under paragraph
4 (1)(F), and may not be used for carrying out other provi-
5 sions of this Act.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
8 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
9 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act.

11 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
12 ments made by this Act shall not apply with respect to
13 certification periods that begin before the effective date
14 of this Act. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
15 States with not less than a 180-day hold harmless period
16 after the date on which the Secretary issues guidance to
17 implement the amendments made by this Act.