

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1270-H3

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Sickles

3. **Committee:** Conference substitute

4. **Title:** SNAP benefits program; inmates of state or local correctional facilities.

5. **Summary:** The conference substitute requires the Department of Social Services (the Department) to convene a work group to analyze and develop a proposal to request a waiver of the provisions of 7 C.F.R. § 273.1(b)(7)(vi) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow individuals in the custody of state or local correctional facilities in the Commonwealth to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits prior to release from custody. The Department shall report the work group's findings and recommendations, including the waiver proposal, to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The conference substitute bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to create a work group to analyze and develop a proposal to request a waiver of the provisions of 7 C.F.R. § 273.1(b)(7)(vi) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow individuals in the custody of state or local correctional facilities in the Commonwealth to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits prior to release from custody. DSS is required to report the work group's findings and recommendations, including the waiver proposal, to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022. The agency can absorb this additional work within its current staffing and funding levels; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local department of social services, Department of Corrections, local and regional jails

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.