

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2025-ER

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

2. **Patron:** Roem

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Department of Social Services; school boards; SNAP benefits program parent information sheet.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Social Services to develop, annually update, and provide to each school board in advance of the start of each school year an information sheet on the SNAP benefits program that sets forth the application process and such other information as the Department deems necessary or appropriate in order to properly inform the parents of students enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools of such program and encourage application by those who are eligible. The bill requires each school board to ensure that such information sheet is sent home with each student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school in the local school division at the beginning of each school year or, in the case of any student who enrolls after the beginning of the school year, as soon as practicable after enrollment. The bill also requires each school board to ensure that a fillable free or reduced-price meals application is sent home with each such student at the beginning of each school year or, in the case of any student who enrolls after the beginning of the school year, as soon as practicable after enrollment.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Social Services (DSS) believes that this streamlined process for information delivery is a complement to the agency's current initiatives serving the same demographic. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) materials are currently compiled and distributed as part of the agency's current SNAP outreach efforts. DSS does not expect a significant increase in new SNAP applications as a result of sharing general information about the program with families with school-age children; therefore, this bill does not have a fiscal impact at DSS. Additionally, there is no fiscal impact to the Department of Education and any impact to local school divisions to send home the information sheet is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services,
Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.