

HB 217 -- NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

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This bill requires any individual participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to comply with the work requirements described in federal statute and regulations. Any nonexempt participant who refuses or fails without good cause to comply with the work requirements will be ineligible to participate in the program for the duration of the disqualification period as follows:

- (1) For the first occurrence of noncompliance, the individual will be disqualified for three months;
- (2) For the second occurrence of noncompliance, the individual will be disqualified for six months; and
- (3) For the third occurrence of noncompliance, the individual will be disqualified permanently.

Households may be disqualified based on individual head of household disqualification not to exceed 180 days and rules for reestablishing eligibility based on specified conditions are provided in the bill.

Except in cases of permanent disqualification, an individual may resume participation in SNAP at the end of a disqualification period if the individual applies again and is in compliance with the work requirements. A disqualified individual may be permitted to resume participation during a disqualification period by becoming exempt from the work requirements.

An individual disqualified under these provisions shall be entitled to a fair hearing under applicable federal and state law.

Implementation of these provisions must be accomplished using existing resources.

This bill is similar to HB 1486 (2018).