HB 857 -- FOOD STAMPS

SPONSOR: Anderson

This bill specifies that an individual who has been convicted of a drug-related felony will be eligible for Federal Food Stamp Program benefits if, as determined by the Department of Social Services:

(1) It has been at least five years since the person was convicted of a drug-related felony;

(2) Any period of probation or parole for the conviction has been completed or expired;

(3) The person has complied with all obligations imposed by a court, including the payment of all court costs and fines; and

(4) The person has not been found guilty of or pled nolo contendere to any additional felony or felonies.

The individual must also be otherwise eligible for participation in the Food Stamp Program.

This bill is the same as HB 2346 (2022).