

SB 1791 (Fine):

Building a strong, effective SNAP Employment & Training (SNAP E&T) Program for Illinois

Illinois' SNAP E&T program lacks sufficient services to meet the demand of job seekers.

- SNAP E&T is a federally-funded employment and training program designed to provide workforce services to SNAP participants.
- Illinois currently "mandates" that around 336,000 people participate in SNAP E&T, meaning they risk losing their food benefits if they miss an E&T appointment.
- Only around 3,000 people receive SNAP E&T services in any given month.
- More money is spent on administrative oversight than actual employment programs.

SB 1791 moves Illinois' SNAP E&T program in line with national best practices.

- The United States Department of Agriculture, the federal agency that administers SNAP, recommends against mandating participation in SNAP E&T in order to:
 - Improve employment outcomes for participants;
 - Direct scarce resources towards programming rather than administration; and
 - Incentivize partnerships between human services programs and workforce development systems.
- At least 22 states have transitioned away from mandatory E&T program since 2010 alone.

SB 1791 helps eliminate administrative waste and increase workforce resources for SNAP job seekers.

- **SB 1791 would eliminate SNAP E&T mandates except in counties where there are enough E&T program slots for the majority of non-exempt SNAP participants.**
- **SB 1791 facilitates strategic partnerships between the workforce development and human services systems, which can generate new workforce slots and capture additional federal dollars.**

FAST FACTS

SNAP E&T has approx.

~300,000

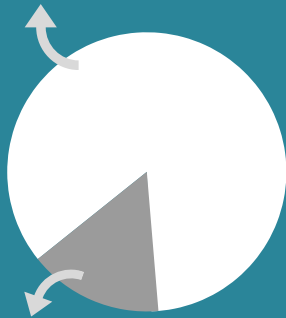
mandated participants

~3,000

available program slots

Current IL SNAP E&T spending:

\$28.7 million on administration



\$5.3 million on programming

Illinois is one of only

4 STATES

that mandates

SNAP E&T participation.

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