

# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE LOSING SNAP BENEFITS DUE TO FEDERAL CUTS - SB3277/HB4730

SB3277 (Sims)/HB4730 (Avelar) will create a **Families Receiving Emergency Support for Hunger (FRESH) program** to provide emergency assistance for Illinois residents who lose SNAP due to the new work requirements in H.R. 1.

## HOW DOES THE PASSING OF FEDERAL H.R. 1 IMPACT ILLINOIS?



Beginning May 1, hundreds of thousands of neighbors could lose SNAP due to new work requirements.

This historic benefits loss will **increase hunger exponentially!** The emergency food system **CAN NOT** meet this increased need.

## WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THE “FRESH” PROGRAM?

The FRESH program, a state-funded emergency assistance off-ramp, would provide **one-time** emergency support equal to three months of the household’s lost SNAP benefits to help impacted Illinoisans weather this change.

*The average SNAP benefit is \$196 per month/\$588 for 3 months.*

As of 2/15, an estimated



**250,000  
residents**

may be eligible for the program.



The program will sunset on **December 31, 2027.**

## WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS PROGRAM?

IL would be investing an estimated

**\$125-150M**

to provide emergency FRESH benefits.

Every dollar spent on SNAP generates \$1.50 in economic activity. This assistance would generate local economic impact of at least

**\$187.5M.**

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