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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 5133

05/11/2026 Authored by Kotyza-Witthuhn The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to children and families; establishing a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
1.3 Program contingency appropriation; requiring a report; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2024, section 142F.05, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142F.05, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program contingency appropriation. (a)
1.9 Up to \$20,000,000 per week for up to six weeks is appropriated from the general fund to
1.10 the commissioner of children, youth, and families to be allocated to counties for distribution
1.11 to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients if the following conditions
1.12 are met:

1.13 (1) there is a full or partial federal government shutdown and appropriations to the United
1.14 States Department of Agriculture have lapsed; and

1.15 (2) the federal SNAP contingency reserve fund has insufficient funds to cover the lapse
1.16 in federal funding or the federal government does not release funds from the SNAP
1.17 contingency reserve fund to the state of Minnesota.

1.18 (b) The commissioner shall calculate the amount of each week's appropriation under
1.19 paragraph (a) based on the total federal allocation of SNAP funds to Minnesota in the month
1.20 prior to the appropriation.

1.21 (c) If the general fund balance is insufficient to cover the appropriation under paragraph
1.22 (a), the commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the commissioner

2.1 of children, youth, and families, shall transfer the amount necessary to replace lapsed federal
2.2 SNAP funds from the budget reserve under section 16A.152, subdivision 1a, to the general
2.3 fund.

2.4 (d) Within 90 days of an appropriation under this subdivision, the commissioner shall
2.5 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
2.6 with jurisdiction over food support detailing state SNAP contingency appropriations and
2.7 expenditures.