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H. F. No. 3426

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a supplemental food assistance program
1.3 for persons with a disability; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 256D.

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

1.6 Section 1. [256D.66] SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
1.7 PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services shall establish a
1.9 supplemental food assistance program for persons with a disability to provide supplemental
1.10 food assistance to persons with a disability who is eligible for the federal Supplemental
1.11 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), but not eligible for the maximum federal SNAP
1.12 benefit for the person's household size due to excess income.

1.13 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
1.14 meanings given unless otherwise provided.

1.15 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

1.16 (c) "Person with a disability" has the meaning given in section 245D.02, subdivision 23.

1.17 Subd. 3. Eligibility requirements. To be eligible for the supplemental food assistance
1.18 program for persons with a disability, an applicant must:

1.19 (1) meet the initial and ongoing eligibility requirements for federal SNAP benefits;

1.20 (2) be a person with a disability;

1.21 (3) be a resident of the state; and

2.1 (4) not be receiving assistance under the Minnesota family investment program.

2.2 Subd. 4. **Application.** An eligible person must apply for the supplemental food assistance
2.3 program for persons with a disability on the forms and according to the timelines established
2.4 by the commissioner.

2.5 Subd. 5. **Benefit amount.** (a) The benefit amount provided under this section is equal
2.6 to the difference between the maximum benefit amount for a person's household size under
2.7 the federal SNAP and the actual federal SNAP benefit amount calculated for the person.

2.8 (b) The monthly benefit provided under this section must not exceed an amount equal
2.9 to the amount of federal SNAP benefits the household would receive if all members of the
2.10 household were eligible for the federal SNAP benefits.

2.11 (c) The commissioner shall redetermine a program recipient's eligibility for the program
2.12 under this section and benefit amount at the time of federal SNAP eligibility redetermination.

2.13 Subd. 6. **Income disregard.** Benefits received under this section must be disregarded
2.14 as income in all programs that do not count SNAP benefits as income.