



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_0094-4)
Verification of eligibility for SNAP	<p>Requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to verify the following applicant information before awarding SNAP benefits: (1) earned and unearned income, (2) employment status and changes in employment, (3) immigration status, (4) state residency status, including from a nationwide best-address source, (5) financial resources, (6) lottery winnings, (7) incarceration status, and (8) death records (R.C. 5101.54(F)(1)).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Instead, requires ODJFS to verify the following household information before certifying SNAP benefits: (1) household composition, (2) identity, (3) citizenship and alien eligibility status, (4) Social Security numbers, (5) state residency status, (6) disability status, (7) gross nonexempt income, (8) utility expenses, and (9) medical expenses (R.C. 5101.54(F)(1)).</p> <p>Permits a household's eligibility for SNAP to be certified before all of the information listed above is verified if the household's certification is being expedited pursuant to existing law (R.C. 5101.54(F)(2)).</p>

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No limit on expedited certifications	No provision.	Specifies that there is no limit on the number of times a household may receive expedited certification of eligibility for SNAP pursuant to existing law if, before each expedited certification, either of the following applies: (1) all of the information that the bill requires to be verified was verified for the household at the last expedited certification or (2) the household's eligibility was certified under normal processing standards since the last expedited certification (<i>R.C. 5101.54(B)</i>).
Savings from contracts to provide SNAP eligibility information	Requires that any contract entered into with an independent vendor to provide the above information must save more annually than the contract's annual cost to the state (<i>R.C. 5101.54(F)(4)(b)</i>).	No provision.
SNAP applicant identity verification (<i>R.C. 5101.54(F)(3)</i>)	Requires ODJFS, as part of the SNAP application process, to require applicants to complete an identity authentication process including a knowledge-based quiz of personal and financial questions.	Instead, requires ODJFS to require an applicant or person acting on the applicant's behalf to verify the identity of members of the applicant household.
Federal SNAP regulations	No provision.	Specifies, with regard to ODJFS's initial applicant identity verification and quarterly review, that ODJFS's actions must be consistent with federal regulations (<i>R.C. 5101.54(F)(2) and (3)</i>).
ODJFS actions when changes in household circumstances may affect SNAP eligibility	Specifies actions ODJFS must take if it receives information that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility (<i>R.C. 5101.54(G) and (H)</i>).	Instead, specifies that ODJFS must take action in accordance with federal regulations, including verifying unclear information, providing prior written notice of a change or adverse action, and

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		notifying the household of the right to a fair hearing (<i>R.C. 5101.54(G)</i>).
SNAP fraud	Requires ODJFS to refer a case to the county prosecutor for investigation if fraud is suspected (<i>R.C. 5101.54(I)</i>).	Same, but also permits ODJFS to refer a case for an administrative disqualification hearing (<i>R.C. 5101.54(H)</i>).
Assignment of ODJFS duties	No provision.	Specifies that ODJFS may, except as prohibited by federal law, assign to a county department of job and family services its authority to determine SNAP eligibility and other duties related to SNAP administration (<i>R.C. 5101.47(A)</i> and <i>5101.54(J)</i>).
Application to all medical assistance programs	Requires the Department of Medicaid, regarding applications and eligibility determinations for the Medicaid program, to comply with the same requirements ODJFS must comply with regarding SNAP, to the extent those requirements are applicable to the Medicaid program (<i>R.C. 5163.04</i>).	Generally the same, but applies to all medical assistance programs, which include the Medicaid program, Children's Health Insurance program, Refugee Medical Assistance program, and other medical assistance programs administered by the Department (<i>R.C. 5160.29 to 5160.293 and 5160.47</i>).
Annual reports	Requires ODJFS and the Department of Medicaid to complete and submit annual reports detailing the impact of the bill's requirements (<i>R.C. 5101.54(J)</i> and <i>5162.137</i>).	No provision.
Special effective date	No provision.	Specifies that the bill takes effect July 1, 2018 (<i>Section 3</i>).

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