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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to food stamps; amending 56 O.S.
8 2011, Section 241.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 178, O.S.L. 2013 (56 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 241.3),
10 which relates to food stamp program limitations;
11 directing Department of Human Services to assign
12 certain individuals to a workfare program; requiring
13 food stamp program applicant to disclose name of
14 person legally responsible for a child; providing for
15 submission of alleged names if person is unknown;
16 barring eligibility for food stamp program; providing
17 an exception for abuse; directing Department to
18 promulgate rules; requiring Department to determine
19 responsible person or persons; mandating collection
20 through the child support enforcement program;
21 providing for codification; and providing an
22 effective date.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 241.3, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 2013 (56 O.S. Supp. 2018,
Section 241.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 241.3 A. Except as otherwise provided by law or
waiver, all able-bodied recipients eighteen (18) years of age to
fifty (50) years of age, who are not disabled or raising minor
children, may receive food stamps for only three (3) months in each

1 thirty-six-month period except in months in which such recipients
2 are employed for at least twenty (20) or more hours per week. The
3 Department of Human Services shall enforce the provisions of this
4 section and any approved waivers or other provisions pursuant to law
5 in effect for this state as of the effective date of this act in
6 designated areas and populations.

7 B. 1. A family applying for food stamps after the fifteenth
8 (15th) day of each month shall be eligible to receive the total
9 amount of their initial allotment and their regular first allotment.

10 2. A household allotment of food stamps may be reduced by up to
11 twenty-five percent (25%) if a family is sanctioned in another
12 program established pursuant to the Statewide Temporary Assistance
13 Responsibility System.

14 3. An individual in a treatment center shall designate the
15 treatment center as the recipient of such individual's food stamp
16 allotment.

17 4. Operating procedures for the food stamp programs in local
18 offices may vary to reflect local differences.

19 5. The Department is authorized to use the amount of a
20 household food stamp allotment to subsidize a job under a work
21 supplementation or support program.

22 C. Beginning October 1, 2013, the Department of Human Services
23 shall not request a waiver to provide Supplemental Nutrition
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1 Assistance Program services to able-bodied adults without
2 dependents.

3 D. The Department shall assign individuals subject to work
4 requirements established under 7 U.S.C., Section 2015(d)(1), but not
5 subject to requirements established under 7 U.S.C., Section 2015(o)
6 or not otherwise participating in an employment and training program
7 established under 7 U.S.C., Section 2015(d)(4), to a workfare
8 program established under 7 U.S.C., Section 2029.

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.5 of Title 56, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who
13 applies with the Department of Human Services for benefits under the
14 food stamp program, in order to be eligible for the program, shall
15 provide the name of the person or persons alleged to be legally
16 responsible for the support of a child, and if known, the address
17 and employer of the person or persons alleged to be legally
18 responsible for the support of such child prior to receipt of any
19 assistance from the program.

20 B. 1. If the specific person or persons legally responsible
21 for the support of the child are unknown, the applicant for the food
22 stamp program shall submit with the application a list of names of
23 persons alleged to be responsible for the support of the child to
24 the Department of Human Services.

1 2. If the applicant does not provide the Department with the
2 identity of the person or persons alleged to be legally responsible
3 for the support of the child, the applicant shall be ineligible to
4 continue to receive such assistance unless the Department determines
5 that the applicant or recipient or a child of the applicant or
6 recipient would more likely than not be subject to abuse for
7 identifying the person or persons alleged to be responsible for the
8 support of the child.

9 3. The Department shall promulgate rules which will standardize
10 the decision process for determining eligibility pursuant to this
11 section.

12 C. The Department shall determine the person or persons
13 responsible for each minor child for whom benefits are received
14 under the food stamp program and pursue repayment of the benefits
15 through the child support enforcement program.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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