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As Engrossed: H3/8/21

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1512

5 By: Representative Underwood
6 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE WORK AMONG ENROLLEES IN THE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO AMEND
11 THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS
12 ACT OF 2019; TO ELIMINATE NO-GOOD-CAUSE EXEMPTIONS TO
13 THE WORK REQUIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO PROMOTE WORK IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
17 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 8, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 20-76-805. Elimination of no-good-cause exemptions to the work
26 requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

27 Beginning no later than May 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services
28 shall not exercise the state option to provide exemptions to the work
29 requirement as authorized under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)(6), as it existed on
30 January 1, 2021, except to an individual:

31 (1) Currently in foster care; or

32 (2) Residing in a domestic violence shelter.
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34 /s/Underwood

35 APPROVED: 3/23/21
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