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A BILL

To make an appropriation to continue to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children contingent upon a lapse in federal funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administered by the Department of Job and Family Services pursuant to section 5101.54 of the Revised Code.

(2) "TANF programs" means the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs identified in division (A)(4) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code.

(B) Contingent upon a lapse in federal funding, the Director of Job and Family Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount necessary to continue to fund the SNAP and TANF programs and the Director of Health shall certify the amount necessary to continue to fund the WIC program. The amount shall be equivalent to the amount that otherwise would have been received for the respective programs.

(C) Subject to division (B) of this section, there is hereby appropriated from the Budget Stabilization Fund the amount necessary, up to the balance in the Budget Stabilization Fund, to continue to fund the SNAP, TANF, and WIC programs. Authorization of this funding expires when the federal government resumes funding operations.

Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for the appropriations made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from the appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 133rd General Assembly.

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 133rd General Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.

(D) The Director of Job and Family Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount received in federal reimbursement for the SNAP and TANF programs after the lapse in federal funding has ended and the Director of Health
shall certify the amount received in federal reimbursement for the WIC program after the lapse in federal funding has ended. The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the certified amount from the appropriate fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Section 2. Section 1 of this act is exempt from the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code and takes effect immediately when this act becomes law.