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A BILL

To enact section 5101.543 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Director of Job and Family Services 2
to request a federal waiver of time limits for 3
certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance 4
Program recipients. 5

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

Section 1. That section 5101.543 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 5101.543. The director of job and family services 8
shall request that the United States secretary of agriculture 9
waive the applicability of section 6(o)(2) of the "Food and 10
Nutrition Act of 2008," 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(2), for areas of the 11
state that have unemployment rates of over ten per cent or do 12
not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for 13
the areas' residents. The director shall request the waiver for 14
all areas of the state that qualify to be covered under the 15
waiver. The director shall request the waiver for the entire 16
state when the entire state qualifies to be covered under the 17
waiver, including when the United States department of labor 18

determines that the state qualifies for extended unemployment 19
benefits. The director shall request the waiver each time one or 20
more areas of the state or the entire state qualifies to be 21
covered under the waiver as determined by any of the types of 22
data and other evidence that federal statutes, regulations, and 23
guidances authorize states to use for this purpose. The director 24
also shall request the waiver whenever the United States 25
secretary informs the director that the secretary would grant 26
the waiver. 27