

## CHAPTER 11

**AN ACT** concerning eligibility for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.44:10-105 Review of available data by commissioner.

1. Immediately upon the effective date of this act and at least once annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Human Services shall conduct a review of available data on labor and employment in the State produced by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. The purpose of the review shall be to determine whether to submit a request for a waiver of the benefit time limit for able bodied adults without dependents participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as authorized by 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), either throughout the State or in any geographic area of the State. The review shall consider each criterion of eligibility for a waiver as well as the availability of opportunities that will fulfill the work requirement described in 7 C.F.R. 273.24(a). Based on the review conducted pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall determine whether to submit a request for a waiver.

C.44:10-106 Report to Governor, Legislature.

2. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall issue a report annually over the next three years, with the first report being issued no later than one month following the effective date of this act, to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on:

- (1) the number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants in each county who are subject to the benefit time limit for able bodied adults without dependents; and
- (2) the number of participants whose benefits were terminated in the past year as a result of the benefit time limit.

b. The report shall also describe the review of labor and employment data conducted pursuant to section 1 of this act and any actions taken by the commissioner related to requesting a waiver of the time limit.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month next following the date of enactment.

Approved June 30, 2016.