

HOUSE BILL No. 1648

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Social service benefit kiosk pilot program. Requires the division of family resources (division) of the office of the secretary of family and social services to establish a pilot program under which the division develops, deploys, and determines the effectiveness of electronic kiosks that allow an individual to do any of the following: (1) Determine the balance remaining in the individual's SNAP or TANF account. (2) Apply to the office of the secretary for a new EBT card. (3) Apply for SNAP or TANF benefits, subject to verification through in person communication with the division.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025] (a) **The following**
 2 **definitions apply throughout this SECTION:**
 3 (1) **"Division of family resources" means the division of**
 4 **family resources established by IC 12-13-1-1.**
 5 (2) **"EBT card" has the meaning set forth in 470 IAC 6-0.5-1.**
 6 (3) **"Secretary of family and social services" means the**
 7 **secretary of family and social services appointed under**
 8 **IC 12-8-1.5-2.**
 9 (4) **"SNAP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition**
 10 **Assistance Program under 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.**
 11 (5) **"TANF" means the federal Temporary Assistance for**
 12 **Needy Families program under 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.**
 13 (b) **The division of family resources shall establish a pilot**
 14 **program under which the division of family resources develops and**
 15 **deploys electronic kiosks that allow an individual to do any of the**
 16 **following:**
 17 (1) **Determine the balance remaining in the individual's SNAP**
 18 **or TANF account.**



- 1 **(2) Apply to the office of the secretary for a new EBT card.**
- 2 **(3) Apply for SNAP or TANF benefits, subject to verification**
- 3 **through in person communication with the division of family**
- 4 **resources.**
- 5 **(c) Not later than December 31, 2027, the director of the division**
- 6 **of family resources shall issue a written report to the secretary of**
- 7 **family and social services that contains the director's:**
- 8 **(1) determination regarding the effectiveness of the kiosks**
- 9 **deployed under subsection (b); and**
- 10 **(2) recommendations regarding wider implementation of the**
- 11 **kiosks, including any recommendations regarding changes to**
- 12 **improve the effectiveness of the kiosks.**
- 13 **(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2028.**

