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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