

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 722 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, BROOKS, COSTA, AUMENT, HUGHES, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KANE, HAYWOOD, COMITTA, LAUGHLIN, CAPPELLETTI, BAKER, J. WARD, COLLETT AND BREWSTER, JUNE 2, 2023

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUNE 2, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 10, 1986 (P.L.1396, No.121), entitled
 2 "An act authorizing the use of State funds to expand a
 3 special supplemental food program for women, infants and
 4 children," further providing for program operation; and
 5 making an appropriation.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of July 10, 1986
 9 (P.L.1396, No.121), known as the Women's, Infants' and
 10 Children's Nutrition Improvement Act, is amended to read:

11 Section 5. Program operation.

12 (a) Eligibility of participants.--Participants in the WIC
 13 Program enrolled through the use of [funds] money available
 14 under the State supplement shall be subject to the same
 15 eligibility criteria prescribed by the Federal Government for
 16 the existing WIC Program. For purposes of WIC Program
 17 eligibility, an applicant shall have the option to
 18 electronically submit documentation to a local WIC Program

1 agency prior to the applicant's eligibility appointment in a
2 manner prescribed by the department and described in a
3 promulgated regulation.

4 * * *

5 Section 2. The sum of \$12,000,000 is appropriated to the
6 Department of Health for the purposes of technological
7 improvements or enhancements for program operations of the food
8 program for women, infants and children, including efficacy and
9 efficiency and incorporating the use of technology and
10 modernization tools that remove barriers for persons eligible
11 for WIC and creating the potential to allow participants to load
12 benefits remotely and purchase WIC benefits online.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.