

HOUSE BILL 709

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,  
relative to the food stamp program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Unless expressly required by federal law, the department shall obtain specific  
authorization from the general assembly before seeking, applying for, accepting, or  
renewing a waiver of work requirements established by the Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o).

(b) The department shall not exercise the state's option to provide an exemption  
from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)(6)(E).

(c) The department shall assign all individuals subject to requirements  
established under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(d)(1) to an employment and training program as  
defined in 7 U.S.C. § 2015(d)(4).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.