

## **BILL SUMMARY: H.R. 1 (SNAP Provisions)**

# Without a Plan of Action from Florida Lawmakers, Sunshine State Children, Seniors, and Others Could Lose All SNAP Benefits

### **Overview**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is Florida's most important tool to fight hunger, helping 3 million residents<sup>1</sup> afford groceries every month. SNAP is a discretionary program overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the federal level for states that choose to administer it. However, Congress cut \$186 billion<sup>2</sup> in federal funding from SNAP in H.R. 1, the budget reconciliation bill enacted on July 4, 2025.<sup>3</sup> Unless leaders start planning now on how to replace the state's share of the federal SNAP dollars lost under H.R. 1, lawmakers may decide to simply eliminate Florida's SNAP program.

### **Why Does SNAP matter to Florida?**

1. Food security and better health<sup>4</sup> for 3 million Floridians, including:<sup>5</sup>
  - 1,097,000 children
  - 707,000 seniors
  - 296,000 people with disabilities (not counting seniors)
  - 99,000 veterans<sup>6</sup>
2. Stronger local economies:
  - Every \$1 in SNAP generates up to \$1.80 in local economic activity.<sup>7</sup>
  - In 2023, participants spent \$7.2 billion at more than 15,000 local stores<sup>8</sup> in Florida, many of them small businesses<sup>9</sup> that rely on SNAP to help stay afloat.

### **Why would H.R 1 cause Florida to end its SNAP program?**

H.R.1 will shift as much as \$1.2 billion each year in SNAP costs from the federal government to Florida by making the state pay a greater share of administrative costs of running the program and — for the first time ever — a percentage of grocery benefits provided to families in need:

1. Grocery benefits:
  - Starting in 2028, H.R.1 requires states with high error rates to pay for 5–15 percent of SNAP grocery benefits.<sup>10</sup>
  - Florida's error rate was 15.13 percent in 2024.<sup>11</sup> Errors are mistakes by agencies or participants—not fraud.
  - Unless the state's error rate significantly improves, Florida could owe about \$1 billion for grocery benefits in 2028 alone.<sup>12</sup> A short reprieve until 2029 or 2030 may be possible; however, the delay would only be temporary.
2. Administrative costs
  - Until H.R.1, Florida and the federal government split SNAP's administrative costs 50/50.
  - H.R. 1 shifts most of that burden to states, requiring Florida to now pay 75 percent.

- Florida will owe about \$205 million for administrative costs every year starting in 2027 — on top of the \$1 billion in grocery benefit costs it could face the very next year.<sup>13</sup>

Unless Congress reverses the cuts made by H.R. 1, Florida will have to raise billions in new state revenue to replace lost federal SNAP dollars. Without a plan from Florida lawmakers, the state will face last-minute impossible choices with devastating consequences for Floridians, such as cutting SNAP eligibility, slashing funding for other critical programs, or walking away from the SNAP program altogether.<sup>14</sup>

### **For more info:**

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