

LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO FOOD INSECURITY- 2023

Child Nutrition Bills

LB285, Community Eligibility Provision Maximization Act introduced by Senator Lynne Walz, makes sure our kids have access to healthy meals by requiring that Nebraska schools or districts who have 50% or more 'identified students' participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students. Requires schools that are eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to participate in that program.

LB99, Hunger Free Schools Act introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, provides free school meals for all students in Nebraska by adopting the Hunger-Free Schools Act.

SNAP Bills

LB84, SNAP Cliff Effect Sunset Elimination introduced by Senator Jen Day, ensures families have access to food by eliminating the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)'s upcoming eligibility provision sunset. This bill would eliminate the September 30, 2023, sunset of the 2021 LB 108 law that increased Nebraska's SNAP gross income eligibility level from 130% to 165% of the Federal Poverty Level. Without this change, the benefits cliff will return in full force and 4500 households will lose benefits.

LB88, SNAP Reentry introduced by Senator Megan Hunt, helps Nebraskans support themselves by eliminating the lifetime ban on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for people with certain drug felony convictions. Currently, people cannot access SNAP if they were convicted of distributing or have 3 or more possession/use felony convictions. This makes returning from prison and reentering our Nebraska communities extremely difficult.

Child Tax Credit

LB294, Child Tax Credit Act (CTC) introduced by Senator Danielle Conrad, helps families fight the cost of living by adopting the Child Tax Credit Act (CTC), which would create a fully refundable tax credit of \$1,000 per child under age 18 for Nebraska taxpayers in low-income households.

