

House Study Bill 693 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to qualifications for maximum benefit amounts
2 from the state food assistance program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — FOOD ASSISTANCE
2 — MAXIMUM BENEFITS. The department of human services shall
3 amend its administrative rulers pursuant to chapter 17A
4 relating to categorical eligibility for food assistance
5 benefits to provide that a qualified household that includes
6 an individual under eighteen years of age, an individual
7 sixty-five years of age or older, a disabled individual as
8 defined by 42 U.S.C. §1382c, as amended, or an individual
9 enrolled in an eligible institution as defined in section
10 261.35, as at least a half-time student, as that term is
11 defined by rule of the college student aid commission, shall
12 qualify for the maximum benefit amount applicable to the
13 household's size and gross monthly income limits under 7 U.S.C.
14 §2011 et seq.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to qualifications for maximum benefit
19 amounts from the state food assistance program.

20 The bill provides that the department of human services
21 shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to Code chapter
22 17A relating to categorical eligibility for food assistance
23 benefits to provide that a qualified household that includes an
24 individual under 18 years of age, an individual 65 years of age
25 or older, a disabled individual as defined by federal social
26 security laws, or an individual enrolled in a postsecondary
27 educational institution which meets the requirements of the
28 provisions of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 for
29 student participation in the federal interest subsidy program
30 and the requirements prescribed by rule of the college student
31 aid commission, as at least a half-time student, shall qualify
32 for the maximum benefit amount applicable to the household's
33 size and gross monthly income limits as allowed under federal
34 law.