

Senate File 147 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the electronic benefits transfer program
2 allowing eligible recipients limited use of food assistance
3 benefits at restaurants, and making appropriations.

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

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. There is
2 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
3 department of human services for the fiscal year beginning July
4 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, the following amount, or
5 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
6 designated:

7 For food assistance benefits provided through the electronic
8 benefits transfer (EBT) program established under section
9 234.12A:

10 \$ 10,000,000

11 Moneys appropriated shall be used by the department for
12 the issuance of a one-time EBT card through the state's food
13 assistance program to be used by eligible individuals and
14 households for the purchase of take-out food from restaurants
15 in Iowa. The department shall issue each EBT card in an amount
16 not to exceed \$20 per eligible individual or household member.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 This bill relates to the electronic benefits transfer (EBT)
21 program allowing eligible recipients limited use of food
22 assistance benefits at restaurants.

23 The bill appropriates \$10 million for FY 2021-2022 from the
24 general fund of the state to the department of human services
25 for food assistance benefits provided through the EBT program
26 established in Code section 234.12A.

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