

By: Representative Scott

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 458

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A RECIPIENT OF BENEFITS UNDER THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) SHALL NOT BE
3 EXEMPT FROM THE WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM UNTIL AFTER THE
4 RECIPIENT TAKES THE TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (TABE) AND
5 ACHIEVES A SCORE AT OR ABOVE THE 12TH GRADE LEVEL IN EACH
6 CATEGORY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** A recipient of benefits under the Supplemental
9 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall not be exempt from the
10 work requirements for the program until after the recipient takes
11 the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) and achieves a score at
12 or above the 12th grade level in each category. During the time
13 that the recipient is enrolled in a program of study for the TABE,
14 the recipient is exempt from having to perform community service.
15 If the recipient takes the TABE and scores below the 12th grade
16 level in any category, the recipient must enroll in a community
17 college in the state or in a program of study for the TABE, and
18 then may take the TABE again. If the recipient does not achieve a
19 score at or above the 12th grade level in each category on the



20 TABE when taking it for the second time, the recipient will not be
21 exempt from the work requirements for the SNAP program.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2018.

