

By: Representative Varner

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1329

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-12-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MUST REQUIRE  
3 PERSONS WHO ARE RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
4 PROGRAM BENEFITS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN TO FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF AGE, DO  
5 NOT HAVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IN THEIR HOME, DO NOT  
6 QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION, AND ARE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO  
7 BE ELIGIBLE, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM;  
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-12-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12 43-12-19. **Work requirements.** (1) The Department of Human  
13 Services shall not seek, apply for, accept or renew any waiver of  
14 requirements established under 7 USC Section 2015(o), except  
15 during a formal state or federal declaration of a natural  
16 disaster.

17 (2) Unless prohibited by the federal government, the  
18 Department of Human Services must require a person who is  
19 receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits who:  
20 (a) is eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59) years of age, inclusive;  
21 (b) does not have children under the age of eighteen (18) in his



22 or her home; (c) does not qualify for an exemption; and (d) is  
23 determined by the department to be eligible, to participate in an  
24 employment and training program, as provided in 7 USC Section  
25 2015(d).

26       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2025.

