

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL DRH30572-LUa-179B**

Short Title: Allow Temp ABAWD Time Limit Waivers/COVID-19. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard, Saine, and Wray (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
SEEK A TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM THE TIME LIMITS FOR ABLE-BODIED  
ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD AND  
NUTRITION SERVICES (FNS) PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 108A-51.1, the Department of Health and Human Services may seek a temporary waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for time limits established by federal law for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) participating in the Food and Nutrition Services Program in this State.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to cover increased administrative costs for the Food and Nutrition Services Program in accordance with this section.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020, and expires one year from the effective date.



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