



MARYLAND

## Summer SNAP/Summer EBT

### Why It Matters:

By passing HB183/SB213, Maryland stands poised to make a historic investment in 500,000 children by making sure they have enough to eat during the summer when schools are closed. This significant investment will leverage \$9 million dollars of state funds to draw down \$69 million in federal funds. \$60 million will be in direct benefits.

Implementing Summer EBT builds on Maryland's existing Summer SNAP program and expands the reach from approximately 90,500 to 500,000 children served each summer. Maryland's pilot program will be expanded and permanently sustained with federal funds. With federal investment, every single one of Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions can participate without a local matching requirement. All children enrolled in Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARM) will benefit, regardless of a county's ability to match funds. This means children from Garrett to Worcester and Baltimore to Frederick will all be equally eligible.

The Summer EBT program (HB183 / SB213) is critical to Governor Moore's strategy to spend more strategically in our work to end childhood poverty. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is leading the implementation of this new federal Summer EBT program that leverages the General Assembly's current investment in the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Summer SNAP) program.


### How It Works:

Beginning in summer 2024, eligible Maryland families will receive \$40 per eligible child, per month in June, July, and August, for a total of \$120. Funds will be issued on pre-loaded EBT cards that families can use to purchase groceries. For the first time, students who are determined to be FARM eligible by their school, or via Summer EBT application will be included along with some addition children in families served by Medicaid, SNAP and/or TCA. In contrast Summer SNAP was only available to households receiving SNAP. Summer EBT will serve 500,000 school-age children statewide and **add \$60 million in federal funds** into the local economy.

### Who Gets Served:

We will help families feed their children in every single one of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions, which is not the case right now. With no local match requirement, every child regardless of location is able to receive benefits.



	2019 Summer SNAP Program	2023 Summer SNAP Program	NEW 2024 Summer EBT Program
# of Children Served	3,923	90,571	500,000
# of Participating Jurisdictions	4	14	24
Cost to the State	\$200,000	\$5 million	\$9 million(*)
Do Local Jurisdictions Pay Matching Funds?	Yes	Yes	No
Total Benefits Issued to Families	\$421,967	\$9,505,812	\$60,000,000
Are FARMS Children Not Enrolled in SNAP Eligible?	No	No	Yes

(\*) Per MD DHS: Combines \$5M appropriated by the General Assembly for the Summer SNAP Program with a new \$4M FY25 request for Summer EBT. The federal government will match \$1 for every \$1 that Maryland invests in this new effort (\$9M). The total administrative cost is \$18M.

[View DHS's full Frequently Asked Questions document for more information](#)

**The Bottom Line:**

**This is an opportunity for Maryland to leverage \$69 Million from USDA. Sixty Million (60M) will go directly to families in the form of SNAP benefits. This will serve 500,000 children, with \$40/month in food benefits.**

**Let's Do This for the Kids!**