

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 890

Introduced by Assembly Member Lee

February 19, 2025

An act to amend Section 18910.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalFresh.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 890, as introduced, Lee. CalFresh: semiannual reporting: workgroup.

Existing federal law establishes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, under which supplemental nutrition assistance benefits allocated to the state by the federal government are distributed to eligible individuals by each county.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup, with a certain composition, to consider changes to semiannual reporting with the goal of reducing the reporting burden on recipients and reducing the workload for county eligibility staff. Existing law required that the consensus recommendations of the workgroup be submitted to the Legislature not later than October 1, 2021, as specified.

This bill would require the department to convene a workgroup, as described above, for purposes of preparing annual reports that would serve as updates to the previous recommendations. The bill would require that the annual reports be submitted to the Legislature, with the first one submitted by January 1, 2027.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18910.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18910.2. (a) The department shall convene a workgroup that includes, but is not limited to, the County Welfare Directors Association of California, representatives of county eligibility workers, the Statewide Automated Welfare System, and client advocates to consider changes to semiannual reporting with the goal of reducing the reporting burden on recipients and reducing the workload for county eligibility staff.

(b) The workgroup shall consider federally allowable reporting structures implemented in other states, consider recommendations in existing research reports, and receive and consider options put forth by workgroup members.

(c) ~~(1)~~ The consensus recommendations of the workgroup shall be submitted to the Legislature ~~not later than~~ by October 1, 2021, and shall include details regarding potential implementation of these recommendations, including identification of those that the state may implement via state legislation or administrative guidance to counties, as well as those requiring changes in federal law or waivers of federal law. The report may also include ideas that were not consensus items with an opportunity for participating workgroup members to comment on those items.

~~(2) (A) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under paragraph (1) is inoperative on October 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.~~

(d) *The department shall convene a workgroup, as described in subdivision (a), for purposes of preparing annual reports that shall serve as updates to the recommendations described in subdivision (c). The annual reports shall be submitted to the Legislature, with the first one submitted by January 1, 2027.*

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(e) A report to be submitted pursuant to ~~paragraph (1)~~ subdivision (c) or (d) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

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