



The America Works Act of 2023

Section-by-Section

Section 1. Short Title

Section 2. Amending Work Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

This section amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to change the applicability of work requirement exemptions for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS). This language changes the age of exemption from under 18 or over 49 years of age to under 18 or over 65 years of age.

This section also specifies that ABAWDs are exempt from the work requirements if they have a dependent child under 7 years of age.

Section 3. Standardizing Enforcement of Work Requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

This section amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to repeal the language whereby USDA may grant a waiver for work requirements if a State believes it does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment to the individuals.

Section 4. Adjusting Work Requirement Exemptions in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

This section amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to end the ability of the USDA to “carry over” exemption allowances from the prior fiscal year.

Section 5. Conforming Amendments.

This section clarifies that State agencies must offer a position in a work program to individuals not eligible for work requirement exceptions or waivers.