STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CHU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the study of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit fraud

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. (a) No later than two hundred forty days after the effective date of this subdivision, the commissioner shall conduct a study on the prevalence of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit fraud. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) a detailed evaluation of the prevalence of stolen supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits;

(ii) an examination of current barriers, feasibility, and impact on participant access and ease of use in developing and implementing an electronic benefit transfer system using industry-standard commercial electronic funds transfer technology, including, at a minimum, the use of EMV computer chip cards; and

(iii) analysis of such other information as the commissioner deems appropriate.

(b) Upon the completion of the study required pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly a report containing the findings of such study.

(c) No later than one hundred twenty days after the end of each fiscal year that begins after the submission of the report required pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly an updated report, which shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) periodic review and modification of regulations relating to supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit transfers which takes into account evolving technology; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(ii) analysis of the threat of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit fraud and means of protecting against such threat.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.