

HB 652 -- NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Stevens (46))

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Rural Community Development

TAX CREDITS FOR URBAN FARMS (Section 135.1610, RSMo)

The bill allows a taxpayer to claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount equal to 50% of the taxpayer's eligible expenses for establishing an urban farm in a food desert, as defined by the bill.

The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability in the tax year for which the credit is claimed, the taxpayer shall not be allowed to claim a tax credit under this section in excess of \$1,000 for each urban farm. However, any tax credit that cannot be claimed in the tax year the contribution was made may be carried over to the next three succeeding tax years until the full credit is claimed.

The total amount of tax credits authorized shall not exceed \$100,000.

These tax credits cannot be transferred, sold, or assigned.

The program will sunset December 31, six years after the effective date.

This provision is the same as SB 82 and HB 720 (2021) and HB 1586 (2020).

SNAP FARMERS' MARKET PROGRAM (Section 208.018)

The bill extends the expiration on the program that allows SNAP recipients to utilize local farmers' markets to August 28, 2033.

This provision is the same as HB 594 (2021).

MISSOURI FARMERS' NUTRITION PROGRAM (208.285)

The bill allows the Department of Agriculture to apply for a grant under the US Department of Agriculture Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to allow pregnant and postpartum women to obtain food at eligible farmers' markets.

This provision is similar to HB 1666 (2020) and HB 752 (2019).

CHILD AND ADULT FOOD PROGRAM (Section 210.251)

The bill prohibits the state from requirements that are stricter than federal regulations for participants in the program for at-risk children through the Child and Adult Food Program, 42 U.S.C. 1766. Child care facilities shall not be required to be licensed child care providers to participate in such federal program so long as minimum health and safety standards are met and documented.

This provision is the same as HB 1337(2021).

AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH PROGRAM (Section 261.021)

This bill creates the "Socially Disadvantaged Communities Outreach Program" with the Department of Agriculture to connect historically unserved and underserved communities with access to healthy fresh food. The Department must designate an employee to administer and monitor the program and to serve as a liaison to affected communities.

The Department must submit a report to the General Assembly detailing specified information on or before December 31st of each year.