

HR 1 THREATENS VIRGINIA STUDENTS



Higher Costs. Fewer Eligible Students. Lost Investments.

HR 1's SNAP cost-shifting and Medicaid work requirements will force Virginia to pay hundreds of millions more or cut critical supports – putting school meals access and student success at risk.



\$532 MILLION ANNUAL IMPACT TO VIRGINIA



New state costs from HR1 SNAP provisions – beginning in FY27-F28

BY THE NUMBERS



\$532M
NEW ANNUAL STATE BURDEN

Includes \$22M in SNAP benefit costs (starting FY28) + \$510M in increased administrative costs (starting FY27).



40,887
STUDENTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH MEDICAID

36,111 students receive free meals and 4,776 receive reduced-price meals through Medicaid direct certification.



1,253
CEP SCHOOLS AT RISK

Reduced SNAP & Medicaid certifications threaten Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) viability.



804
SCHOOLS FACE SIGNIFICANT FUNDING LOSS

Schools with 40–59% Identified Student Percentage (ISP) could lose significant federal reimbursement.

WHAT'S AT RISK FOR VIRGINIA



STUDENT ACCESS TO MEALS

- Fewer SNAP and Medicaid participants = fewer students directly certified for free and reduced-price meals.
- More Virginia students could go hungry, making it harder to learn, focus, and thrive.



SCHOOL BUDGETS AND PROGRAMS

- CEP relies on high rates of direct certification. Lower rates put 1,253 CEP schools—and hundreds of thousands of students—at risk.
- State investments in school nutrition are jeopardized.



VIRGINIA'S BUDGET CHOICES

- Virginia can't absorb \$532 million in new costs without cutting elsewhere.
- Hard choices ahead: raise taxes, cut other programs, or reduce eligibility and services.



Virginia's children can't afford to lose.

URGE YOUR LEGISLATORS TO



REDUCE SNAP ERROR RATE
Lower costs for Virginia and protect access.



PROTECT MEDICAID DIRECT CERTIFICATION & EXPANSION
Keep thousands of students connected to meals.



PROTECT STATE-LEVEL INVESTMENTS
Support strong nutrition programs for every Virginia student.

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