

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2057**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mark Stone**

February 17, 2016

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An act to amend Section 18911 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalFresh.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2057, as introduced, Mark Stone. CalFresh: application information.

Existing law provides for the federal 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 develop specified written information relating to application for CalFresh, and requires a county welfare department to make this information available to an applicant and, upon request, to emergency food programs, among other entities, as specified. Existing law also requires a county welfare department to compile a list of emergency food providers, and to make other information available to applicants, as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 18911 of the Welfare and Institutions  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 18911. (a) An application and an authorization for participation  
4 in CalFresh shall be processed within a period of not more than  
5 30 days from the date of application.  
6 (b) The department shall develop written information that  
7 describes the eligibility and verification requirements for expedited  
8 service, the process for applying for those benefits, and the  
9 availability of assistance in filling out the forms and gathering  
10 needed documentation.  
11 (c) ~~Each~~A county welfare department shall make the material  
12 developed pursuant to subdivision (b) available to ~~each~~ an applicant  
13 at the time the applicant initially seeks CalFresh benefits.  
14 (d) ~~Each~~A county welfare department shall, upon request, make  
15 available the information developed pursuant to subdivision (b)  
16 to community action agencies, legal services offices, emergency  
17 food programs, and other programs.  
18 (e) ~~Each~~A county welfare department shall compile a list of  
19 emergency food providers in the area served by the local CalFresh  
20 office. The list shall be updated, based on information from the  
21 food providers. The list shall be made available upon request, and,  
22 where needed, may be used to refer individuals to emergency food  
23 sites that may be able to provide assistance.  
24 (f) ~~Each~~A county welfare department shall make available to  
25 CalFresh applicants, upon request, nonpromotional information  
26 that contains addresses and phone numbers of local legal services  
27 and welfare rights organizations.

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