

STOP HUNGER & PROTECT TENNESSEE'S FINANCES

DELAY THE NEW FEDERAL SNAP COST SHIFT LAW

WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR TN?



Tennessee state finance costs skyrocket



Federal dollars contributed by TN taxpayers won't return to Tennesseans



Hunger spikes if TN can't pay their portion of SNAP benefits

The Issue: In July 2025, HR 1 passed, which shifted costs for SNAP from the federal government to states. Some states got two extra years to reduce administrative errors before paying part of SNAP benefits. **Tennessee did not.**

What is a Payment Error Rate (PER)?



Errors happen because SNAP rules are complex



PER does not reflect fraud or abuse



Measures accuracy of benefit calculations

TN Payment Error Rates (PER) & Estimated Cost

Year	TN Payment Error Rate	State Share of Benefit Cost	Estimated Cost
2023	12.56%	15%	\$242 Million
2024	9.47%	10%	\$161 Million

Key Changes Under HR 1

IMPLEMENTATION DATE	RULE CHANGE	IMPACT FOR TN
Oct. 1, 2026	Administrative cost share rises	From 50% → 75%
Oct. 1, 2027	SNAP benefit funding partly shifts to TN	0-15% of benefit cost, depending on TN error rate

YOU CAN HELP TENNESSEE!

Please work with Congressional leaders to extend the two-year SNAP cost shift delay to ALL states in the January continuing resolution.

HR 1 provided some states with extra time (2 years) to reduce their errors before they must start paying part of the SNAP benefit costs, but Tennessee was left out of that provision. **All states should be treated equally.** This is particularly urgent as states head into their next budget and legislative cycle.