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An act to add Section 18920 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalFresh.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 18920 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

18920. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an agreement between the department and a unit of local government, any other unit of state government, or a nonprofit organization that provides for a contract relating to either of the following is and shall be deemed a "cooperative agreement," as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 38072 of the Health and Safety Code:

(1) Outreach programs related to CalFresh.

(2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 38072 of the Health and Safety Code, for purposes of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 38070) of Division 25.2 of the Health and Safety Code, any reference to the term "department" in those provisions shall refer to the State Department of Social Services for purposes of an agreement described in subdivision (a).

(c) In addition to the authority granted the department in subdivision (a) of Section 38081.1 of the Health and Safety Code, a change of subcontracts shall not be subject to review and approval by the Department of General Services pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 10290) of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.



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(d) The Legislature finds and declares that this section shall be applied retroactively to currently executed agreements that are described in subdivision (a).

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_

General Subject: CalFresh.

Existing law, the State Department of Health Services Cooperative Agreement Act, provides for the establishment of cooperative agreements between the State Department of Public Health and other public and private entities for the purposes of, among other things, simplifying the administration of public health programs by the department. The act requires cooperative agreements to be subject to review and approval by the Department of General Services with certain exceptions.

Existing federal law provides for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), under which nutrition assistance benefits are allocated to each state by the federal government. Under existing state law, the CalFresh program, California's federal allocation is distributed to eligible individuals by each county. Existing law requires that the eligibility of households be determined to the extent permitted by federal law and requires the State Department of Social Services to establish a program



of categorical eligibility for CalFresh in accordance with federal law. Existing law requires each county welfare department to carry out the local administrative responsibilities of this program, subject to the supervision of the department and to rules and regulations adopted by the department.

This bill would deem an agreement between the State Department of Social Services and a unit of local government, any other unit of state government, or a nonprofit organization that provides for a contract relating to outreach programs related to CalFresh and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program to be a “cooperative agreement,” as defined. The bill would specify that these changes apply retroactively.

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



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