



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 15, 2023
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Implementation of New *Code of Virginia* Requirement per HB2025**

This memorandum is to notify local education agencies (LEAs) of the implementation of [House Bill 2025](#), effective July 1, 2023, which amends §§ 22.1-79 and 63.2-801, *Code of Virginia*, and requires local school boards to distribute a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) information sheet and a fillable free and reduced-price meal application to the household of each student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school at the beginning of each school year, or as soon as practicable after enrollment.

Per the legislation, the SNAP information sheet has been developed by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS). The SNAP information sheet is provided in Attachment A.

Schools Participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program

[Federal regulations at 7 CFR 245.9\(f\)\(4\)\(iv\)](#) state that schools participating in the CEP are prohibited from using a free and reduced-price meal application for any purpose. Therefore, schools participating in the CEP are exempt from the free and reduced-price meal application requirement of the legislation. However, CEP schools are required to comply with distribution of the SNAP information sheet.

For more information on HB2025, you may contact the Office of Policy at (804) 225-2092 or policy@doe.virginia.gov.

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Attachment:

- A. SNAP Information Sheet (Word)