

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1081
HOUSE BILL 1154

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM IN
NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, shall develop any number of pilot programs at the county level whose purpose is to expand the food stamp program in North Carolina. The goal of these programs shall be to increase food stamp participation in these pilot counties to seventy-five percent (75%) of those people in the county identified as being eligible for the program; therefore:

- (1) The Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, shall develop and approve guidelines for county participation in the pilot food stamp programs.
- (2) Before a county is eligible to participate in the pilot program, a plan must be approved by the Division of Social Services. Such a plan shall include, but not be limited to the following items: a proposed staffing pattern for the pilot program, adequate certification and coupon issuance points, projections on the number of food stamp recipients to be served and projected costs of the program.
- (3) In implementing the pilot food stamp programs, the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, shall select from among those counties that have the greatest potential for increased participation in the food stamp program.
- (4) The Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, shall monitor and evaluate these pilot programs, and report to the 1979 Session of the General Assembly. This report shall include an evaluation of the effectiveness and the costs of the various pilot programs, and any recommendations on the expansion of these programs on a statewide basis during the 1979-1981 biennium.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Human Resources from the General Fund of the State, in addition to all other funds, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for fiscal year 1977-1978, and the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for fiscal year 1978-1979 to implement the pilot food stamp programs.

Sec 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.