An act relating to CalFresh.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2282, as introduced, McCarty. CalFresh: low-income students: former foster youth students.

Existing federal law provides for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, formerly the Food Stamp Program, under which supplemental nutrition assistance benefits allocated to the state by the federal government are distributed to eligible individuals by each county. Under existing law, households are eligible to receive CalFresh benefits to the extent permitted by federal law. Existing federal law provides that students who are enrolled in college or other institutions of higher education at least 1/2 time are not eligible for SNAP benefits unless they meet one of several specified exemptions, including participating in specified employment training programs.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to remove obstacles to the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community College systems coordinating with the State Department of Social Services to provide CalFresh benefits to low-income college students and students who are former foster youth.

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

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to remove obstacles to the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community College systems coordinating with the State Department of Social Services to provide CalFresh benefits to low-income college students and students who are former foster youth.