

**House Bill 3571**  
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Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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- (1) provide informational materials, including eligibility guidelines and eligibility redetermination information, to the customers of the business and other persons regarding the food stamp program;
- (2) perform outreach services, as determined by the commission, with respect to the program; and
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(b-1) An agreement between a private retail business participating in the pilot program and the commission may authorize the business to:

- (1) implement strategies to encourage recipients of food

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(c) In developing the pilot program, the executive commissioner may adopt rules regarding the requirements applicable to a private retail business that participates in the program.

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(1) an evaluation of the pilot program, including the program's effects on the food stamp program; and

(2) recommendations regarding the continuation or expansion of the pilot program.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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stamps who are also Medicaid recipients to engage in healthy behaviors; and

(2) provide incentives to recipients described by Subdivision (1) who are children younger than 21 years of age to make timely health care visits under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment program.

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