



An Act Establishing the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative SD.691 / HD.3873



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- **37% of public college students are food insecure**, with disproportionate impacts on Black, and Latinx students and student parents. **Only 20% utilize programs such as SNAP.**
- High costs of food, gas, and housing are further choking the budgets of those who are struggling most. Investments in nutrition basic needs security has never been more essential to student success.

The Hunger Free Campus Initiative creates a grant program at the Department of Higher Education to support college campuses take several steps toward ending food insecurity on campus, including:

- creating awareness and anti-stigma campaigns
- notifying students of federal food assistance benefits such as SNAP and WIC
- establishing on-campus EBT-SNAP vendors and meal-sharing programs
- providing schools with training and resources
- funding nutrition benefit enrollment staff on campus

Recent data shows a 33% decrease in students enrolling in state universities and community colleges. We need to remove hunger as an obstacle to successful college graduation to ensure that critical professions such as nurses, teachers, mental healthcare workers, early childhood educators can operate at capacity.



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Let's help our college students graduate and succeed.

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