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H. R. 8503

To ensure that the Federal share of the supplemental nutrition assistance program allotment costs shall be mandatory if a State cannot pay the applicable State share of applicable allotment costs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. BYNUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save SNAP Act of
5 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. BENEFIT COST SHIFT FAIRNESS.**

7 Section 4(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
8 (7 U.S.C. 2013(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “The Sec-
2 retary” by inserting the following:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(B) HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.—Notwith-
6 standing subparagraph (A), if a State cannot
7 pay the applicable State cost share in para-
8 graph (2)(B)(i) for any reason—

9 “(i) the Secretary shall pay for the
10 full cost of an allotment described in para-
11 graph (1) for any fiscal year; and

12 “(ii) paragraph (2) shall not apply
13 with respect to such State for such fiscal
14 year.”.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
17 take effect on October 1, 2026.

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