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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) in paragraph (3) by striking “The Secretary” by inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if a State cannot pay the applicable State cost share in paragraph (2)(B)(i) for any reason—

“(i) the Secretary shall pay for the full cost of an allotment described in paragraph (1) for any fiscal year; and

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

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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