GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025

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SENATE BILL 944

Short Title:	Keep Families Fed Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Chitlik, Smith, and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

April 30, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE VITAL FOOD SECURITY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDING REGARDLESS OF PASSAGE OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of six million dollars ($6,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to address root causes of food insecurity by providing directed grants in equal amounts to the following six nonprofit corporations:

(1) Food Bank of the Albemarle.
(2) Manna Food Bank, Inc.
(3) Action Pathways, Inc.
(4) Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Inc.
(5) Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, Inc.
(6) Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Inc.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.