



1           WHEREAS, Louisiana has implemented Greaux the Good, a program that allows  
2 SNAP benefit recipients to receive a dollar-for-dollar match on their SNAP benefits, to  
3 encourage families to buy more fruits and vegetables while supporting small and local food  
4 producers; and

5           WHEREAS, in 2023, an average of nearly forty-three thousand individuals  
6 participated in the SNAP program nationwide at a cost of nearly one hundred thirteen billion  
7 dollars; and

8           WHEREAS, SNAP was established by federal law to be a cooperative endeavor  
9 between a state and the federal government where the program is administered by the state  
10 and financed by the federal government; and

11           WHEREAS, in Louisiana, SNAP is administered by the Department of Children and  
12 Family Services; and

13           WHEREAS, the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 defines "food" for the purposes of  
14 SNAP as any food or food product for home consumption except alcoholic beverages,  
15 tobacco, or hot foods ready for immediate consumption; and

16           WHEREAS, the USDA interprets the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow SNAP  
17 benefit recipients to purchase candy, cakes, potato chips, and other unhealthy foods; and

18           WHEREAS, due to the presence of federal law, the Department of Children and  
19 Family Services must seek approval from the federal government in the form of a waiver in  
20 order to alter the types of food that may be purchased with SNAP benefits.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 direct the Department of Children and Family Services to seek a rule waiver from the United  
23 States Department of Agriculture to remove unhealthy foods from the list of approved foods  
24 that may be purchased with SNAP benefits.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services  
26 shall work with medical professionals and nutrition experts to determine which foods to  
27 remove from the list of approved foods to promote the health of children and families  
28 receiving SNAP benefits.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services  
2 shall present the rule waiver to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare prior  
3 to submitting the rule waiver the United States Department of Agriculture.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
5 governor and the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

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#### DIGEST

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Directs the Department of Children and Family Services to seek a rule waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to remove unhealthy foods from the list of approved foods that may be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Requires the Department of Children and Family Service to present the rule waiver to the House and Senate health and welfare committees.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require the Department of Children and Family Service to present the rule waiver to the House and Senate health and welfare committees.