

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 303****2024 Regular Session****Boyer**

SNAP/FOOD STAMPS: Provides for the reduction of SNAP benefits upon a juvenile entering department of corrections custody

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changes the minimum time that a juvenile may be in custody before the office of juvenile justice (OJJ) reports the juvenile's identifying information to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) from six months to nine months.
2. Clarifies that the age of majority means a child under the age of twenty-two.
3. Adds that if the office of juvenile justice (OJJ) is unable to provide notice to DCFS that a juvenile is being released from OJJ's custody forty-five days prior to the release because of a modification of the sentence by a court, then OJJ shall notify DCFS within twenty-four hours of receipt of a modified sentence.
4. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law requires the office of juvenile justice (OJJ) to report a juvenile's identifying information to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) if a juvenile is placed in OJJ's custody for a sentence of nine months or longer.

Proposed law further provides that the juvenile's identifying information shall be used to assist DCFS in adjusting a family's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Proposed law provides that if the juvenile is released from OJJ's custody and he is younger than 22 years old at the time of release, then OJJ shall report the juvenile's identifying information to DCFS to assist the department in adjusting the family's SNAP benefits.

Proposed law provides that OJJ shall inform DCFS of a juvenile's pending release no later than 45 days prior to a juvenile's release from custody unless, due to a modification of a juvenile's sentence by a court, OJJ is unable to meet this requirement, in which case, OJJ shall notify DCFS within 24 hours from when OJJ receives the sentence modification from a court.

(Adds R.S. 15:933.1)