



1           WHEREAS, modern grocery delivery platforms, including services such as Instacart  
2 and DoorDash, provide the capability for consumers to order groceries online and have them  
3 delivered directly to their residences, thereby increasing access to food for individuals who  
4 are homebound or otherwise unable to shop in person; and

5           WHEREAS, such delivery platforms have significantly expanded their acceptance  
6 of SNAP benefits for online grocery purchases, with services now available across thousands  
7 of retail locations nationwide, thereby demonstrating the scalability and accessibility of such  
8 systems; and

9           WHEREAS, despite the availability of online purchasing, delivery fees and service  
10 charges, which often range from several dollars per order or more depending on distance,  
11 timing, and service level, remain an out-of-pocket expense that disproportionately impacts  
12 low-income households; and

13           WHEREAS, requiring SNAP recipients to pay delivery fees separately may  
14 discourage or prevent use of grocery delivery services, thereby limiting access to healthy  
15 food options and exacerbating food insecurity among vulnerable populations; and

16           WHEREAS, federal legislation, specifically H.R. 6135 of the 119th Congress, known  
17 as the "Snap Delivery Modernization Act of 2025," introduced by Congressman Cleo Fields  
18 of Louisiana, proposes to amend federal law to allow SNAP benefits to be used to pay for  
19 grocery delivery costs in order to increase food access; and

20           WHEREAS, analysis of such federal legislation indicates that permitting the use of  
21 SNAP benefits for delivery fees would reduce barriers for low-income households, including  
22 those without vehicles or with health limitations, and would make grocery delivery a more  
23 practical and accessible option; and

24           WHEREAS, this state has a substantial population of elderly residents and SNAP  
25 recipients who may benefit from expanded access to grocery delivery services; and

26           WHEREAS, a comprehensive study is necessary to evaluate the potential fiscal  
27 impact on the state, including administrative considerations, potential cost offsets, public  
28 health implications, and improvements in food accessibility and nutritional outcomes.

29           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
30 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, in coordination with relevant

1 stakeholders, to study and evaluate the cost, feasibility, and impact of allowing SNAP  
2 recipients to use their benefits to pay for grocery delivery fees and related service costs.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such study shall include, but not be limited to:

4 (1) An analysis of the number and demographics of SNAP recipients in  
5 Louisiana who may benefit from grocery delivery services, including elderly  
6 and mobility-limited individuals.

7 (2) An evaluation of the typical cost of grocery delivery services, including  
8 delivery fees, service charges, and other associated costs.

9 (3) An assessment of the potential impact on food access, food security, and  
10 health outcomes for SNAP recipients if delivery fees were covered by  
11 benefits.

12 (4) A review of administrative and technological requirements necessary to  
13 implement such a policy at the state level, including coordination with  
14 federal law and private delivery platforms.

15 (5) Consideration of any cost savings or efficiencies that may result from  
16 improved food access, including reductions in healthcare costs associated  
17 with poor nutrition.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit  
19 a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate committees  
20 on health and welfare no later than February 1, 2027.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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#### DIGEST

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Requests the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to study and report on the cost, feasibility, and impact of allowing recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to use such benefits to pay for grocery delivery fees.

Requires LDH to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare by Feb. 1, 2027.