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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the state from applying for a waiver of SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents absent legislative authorization therefor.

Proposed law provides that its purpose is to institute a requirement for legislative approval of any waiver of work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as "food stamps" and referred to hereafter as SNAP).

Proposed law provides that the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) shall not submit to the federal SNAP regulatory agency any application for a waiver of federal regulations providing work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents who receive SNAP benefits, unless the submission of such an application has been approved by the legislative committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law provides that approval by a legislative committee of a waiver application as required by proposed law may be by favorable vote, *viva voce*, of a simple majority of the committee's membership at a meeting of the committee, or by mail ballot.

Proposed law requires that within 30 days of the effective date of proposed law, the secretary of DCFS shall take all such actions as are necessary to revoke, terminate, or otherwise render null and without effect any waiver of work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents receiving SNAP benefits in effect on the effective date of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:331 and 332)