

1 (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administered by the Department
2 of Children and Family Services (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program).

3 (3) The Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program administered by the
4 Department of Children and Family Services as the general cash assistance component of
5 the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant (the successor to
6 the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program), commonly referred to as "welfare".

7 (4) The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
8 administered by the Louisiana Department of Health and known commonly as WIC.

9 (5) The Child Care Assistance Program administered by the Louisiana Department
10 of Education.

11 (6) Housing assistance programs administered by the Louisiana Housing
12 Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, policymakers with differing ideologies generally agree that earning
14 income from employment is essential in order for people to move from poverty to self-
15 sufficiency; and

16 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that removing barriers to employment for members
17 of low-income families who are willing and able to work and helping those who are needy
18 to become financially self-reliant are widely shared goals among the members of this body.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 request a joint study effort by the Department of Children and Family Services, the
21 Louisiana Department of Health, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana
22 Housing Corporation, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission to examine the phenomena
23 known as "benefits cliffs" and their effect on beneficiaries of public assistance programs.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services
25 shall lead the study effort called for in this Resolution.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, no later than sixty days prior to the convening
27 of the 2023 Regular Session, the Department of Children and Family Services shall submit
28 to the elected members of legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research
29 Library a report featuring key findings from the study called for in this Resolution and
30 recommendations concerning means by which benefits cliffs can be eliminated.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Revise findings.
2. Delete a reference to the Kinship Care Subsidy Program.