

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

SNAP/FOOD STAMPS: Urges and requests the legislative auditor to conduct an efficiency audit of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) programs

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct an efficiency audit of the  
3 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program inclusive of the employment and  
4 training component of the program.

5 WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally  
6 funded program that provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of needy  
7 families so they can purchase healthy food and move toward self-sufficiency; and

8 WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food and Nutrition Service  
9 of the United States Department of Agriculture, the federal agency that administers SNAP,  
10 granted to Louisiana and other states additional flexibility to distribute SNAP benefits; and

11 WHEREAS, previous SNAP audit reports released in 2014 and 2018 identified both  
12 positive and negative administrative practices, including erroneous distributions made by the  
13 Department of Children and Family Services, the agency that administers SNAP at the state  
14 level in Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, the employment and training component of SNAP, known commonly  
16 as SNAP E&T, is designed to help SNAP participants gain skills, training, or work  
17 experience to increase their ability to obtain regular employment that leads to economic  
18 self-sufficiency; and

19 WHEREAS, individual program performance metrics are needed to ensure the  
20 efficient allocation of taxpayer funds in the pursuit of the SNAP E&T goals of improving  
21 self-sufficiency among SNAP beneficiaries.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2       Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct an  
3       efficiency audit of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, inclusive of the  
4       employment and training component of the program, as a part of its next performance audit  
5       of the program.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit shall include a pre- and post-pandemic  
7       analysis of the population of total eligible SNAP recipients compared to the number of actual  
8       beneficiaries, the number of ineligible recipients of benefits, and the value of such benefits.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit of the SNAP E&T program shall  
10      include an analysis of each individual employment and training program which has received  
11      state or federal funding under the SNAP E&T program plan in the past five years, with an  
12      emphasis on pre-and post pandemic changes and outcomes. This analysis should include, to  
13      the extent possible, the average pre- and post-program participant earnings and employment  
14      status, the number of program participants in comparison to the number of eligible  
15      participants in each plan year of the current four-year state plan, the average per-participant  
16      cost per funded program, and the number of training recipients no longer residing in  
17      Louisiana.

18          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall complete the audit  
19      called for in this Resolution no later than March 1, 2023.

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
21      legislative auditor and the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

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#### DIGEST

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