

2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

APPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEML: To make supplemental appropriations for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (Item # 6)

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to
3 the designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of
4 supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal
5 Year 2023-2024; to provide legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The legislature finds that food insecurity has been scientifically linked to
9 negative impacts on the health and psychological well-being of those who suffer from it.
10 It has also been linked in multiple scientific articles to interpersonal and self-directed
11 violence. The legislature therefore finds that addressing food insecurity is a viable strategy
12 for combating multiple forms of violence and that any funding that ameliorates the problem
13 of food insecurity in our state can only have a positive impact on the administration of
14 criminal justice and juvenile justice in our state.

15 Section 2. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the sources specified for
16 the purpose of making supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Reductions
17 are denoted in parentheses.

18 **SCHEDULE 10**

19 **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

20 The Department of Children and Family Services is hereby directed to notify the United
21 States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service that it will participate in

1 the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program and to take all necessary actions
2 to facilitate the expenditure of funds as authorized in this Act.

3 **10-360 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

4 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
5 to the Division of Family Support for the
6 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program \$ 3,652,670

7 Payable out of Federal Funds to the Division of
8 Family Support for the Summer Electronic Benefits
9 Transfer Program \$ 3,652,670

10 Section 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the appropriations in
11 Section 2 of this Act are deemed bona fide obligations of the state through June 30, 2025.

12 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Appropriates supplemental funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Provides for net increases in State General Fund (Direct) by \$3,652,670 and Federal funds by \$3,652,670.

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