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Subject: Requests Summer EBT Program		

GOVERNOR OR +\$3,652,670 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Urges and requests Governor Jeffrey M. Landry to make application to receive funding for the Summer EBT program.

The proposed concurrent resolution urges and requests Governor Jeffery M. Landry to make application to receive funding for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Program for nutrition assistance.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$3,652,670	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$3,652,670
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$3,652,670	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$3,652,670
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$7,305,340					\$7,305,340
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed concurrent resolution requests that the Governor (through the Department of Children and Family Services) make an application for the Summer EBT Program. There is no anticipated cost to the DCFS to submit the application; however, once the Summer EBT Program (also known as SUN Bucks) is approved, DCFS projects an increase in expenditures of \$7,305,340 for FY 25 and an indeterminable increase for recurring costs in subsequent out years. The source of funding is \$3.6 M SGF and \$3.6 M Federal, as the Summer EBT Administration federal grant requires a 50% state general fund match. The Summer EBT Program is meant to provide grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-aged children during the summer months.

Note: The Supplemental Appropriation Bill (HB 782 of 2024 RS) for FY 24 has a recommended \$7.3 M (\$3.65 M SGF and \$3.65 M Federal) to DCFS for the anticipated increased expenditures for the Summer EBT Program in FY 25.

DCFS reports the Summer EBT Program application was submitted to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) on 5/03/2024, which included a waiver and Notice of Intent. The department is in daily communication with the FNS on the approval status of the Summer EBT Program application. DCFS reports FNS has committed to the approval of the department's application to receive benefits but requires up to sixty days to finalize the approval status. DCFS anticipates finalizing the next step of the application process by submitting its Plan of Operation and Maintenance (POM) to FNS within the next few days.

DCFS intends for grocery-buying benefits to be available to eligible recipients in June 2024. The USDA is partnering with Nutri-Link Technologies, Inc. to develop an online application to allow families to apply for Summer EBT benefits if uncertified, and state agencies can opt-in at no cost. DCFS plans to participate in this process to ensure uncertified families have access to an online application for the program located on the USDA website starting July 1, 2024.


The LA Department of Education (LDOE) does not anticipate a direct material cost associated with implementing the Summer EBT Program. The LDOE and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participating schools will support DCFS's coordination of this program with existing staff and resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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