

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:933.1, relative to SNAP benefits; to require the office of juvenile justice
3 to report relative to juveniles in custody to the Department of Children and Family
4 Services; to provide for the adjustment of SNAP benefits under certain
5 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:933.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §933.1. Office of juvenile justice; statistical data collection; Department of Children
9 and Family Services

10 A. For the purpose of assisting the Department of Children and Family
11 Services in identifying changes in household circumstances for Supplemental
12 Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allotments, the office of juvenile justice shall
13 report identifying information to the department of each juvenile placed under the
14 custody of the office of juvenile justice for a sentence of nine months or longer. The
15 Department of Children and Family Services shall determine the required
16 information necessary to identify the juvenile and the juvenile's household.

17 B. If the juvenile has not reached the age of majority at the time of release,
18 the office of juvenile justice shall report to the Department of Children and Family
19 Services when the juvenile is released from custody. For purposes of this Section,
20 the age of majority means a child under the age of twenty-two.

21 C. The office of juvenile justice shall inform the Department of Children and
22 Family Services no later than forty-five days prior to release of the juvenile from
23 custody. If the office of juvenile justice is unable to provide notice forty-five days

1 prior to release due to a modification of a disposition by a court, the office shall
2 notify the department within twenty-four hours of receipt of the modified
3 disposition.

4 D. Upon receipt of a report from the office of juvenile justice pursuant to this
5 Section, the Department of Children and Family Services shall adjust the
6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for the juvenile's household to
7 reflect the change in circumstance.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____