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Present law established a pilot program for a workforce training and education initiative in a limited geographical area. Proposed law repeals the pilot program and implements a workforce training program statewide.

Present law provides for legislative findings. Proposed law adds additional information to the findings:

(1) Nearly half of all SNAP recipients are children and an additional 25 percent of SNAP recipients are adults living with children.

(2) For the past 19 years, Louisiana has requested this particular SNAP waiver for which it qualified each year due to high unemployment rates. For 12 of those years, Louisiana qualified for a statewide waiver and for seven years, most Louisiana parishes qualified for the waiver. However, due to the number of exemptions available under the federal program to Louisiana, each of the past 19 years, Louisiana has administered this SNAP waiver on a statewide basis.

(3) Able-bodied but SNAP-eligible adults without dependents comprise less than ten percent of those who receive SNAP benefits in Louisiana.

Present law includes instructions and deadlines that have lapsed for the pilot program. Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law is contingent upon approval of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Proposed law retains present law approval requirements.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:321-327)