

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 260

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

SNAP/FOOD STAMPS: Limits types of food purchases with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:302, relative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to prohibit  
3 purchases of certain foods with program benefits; to require the development of  
4 educational materials; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:302 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §302. Legislative findings; definitions; prohibition of certain foods; guidelines

8 A. The legislature hereby finds and declares that the health and well-being  
9 of Louisiana children on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are undermined  
10 by availability of unhealthy snack foods that may be purchased with SNAP benefits.

11 B. As used in this Section:

12 (1) "Department" means the Department of Children and Family Services.

13 (2) "SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

14 (3) "Unhealthy snack food" means any of the following:

15 (a) Sugary food items such as candies, cookies, cakes, and sweetened  
16 beverages.

17 (b) Salty food items such as chips, pretzels, and other high-sodium processed  
18 foods.

1           (c) High-fat food items such as fried foods, pastries, and certain types of  
2           packaged snack cakes.

3           C. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to prohibit the  
4           purchase of unhealthy snack foods with benefits obtained through participation in  
5           SNAP.

6           D. The department shall collaborate with nutritionists, healthcare providers,  
7           and other relevant experts to develop educational materials and resources for  
8           caregivers, children, and families on healthy snack alternatives that may be  
9           purchased with SNAP benefits.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Restricts the purchase of certain unhealthy snacks with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Proposed law directs the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to prohibit the purchase of unhealthy snacks with SNAP benefits.

Proposed law defines unhealthy snack foods.

Proposed law directs DCFS to collaborate with nutritionists, healthcare providers, and other experts to produce educational material to inform children, families, and caregivers about healthy alternatives.

(Adds R.S. 46:302)