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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF $5,000,000 TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) EAT WELL, BE WELL PILOT REWARDS PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Britto, Acosta, Pearson, Miller, Euer, Cano, Kallman, Lauria, Murray, and DiMario

Date Introduced: March 22, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

1   WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Eat Well, Be Well

2   Pilot Rewards Program is the first statewide program of its kind in the country; and

3   WHEREAS, The Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program provides approximately

4   87,000 Rhode Island households with up to $25 a month in additional benefits to purchase fruits

5   and vegetables; and

6   WHEREAS, The Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Program is a vital safety net for the

7   approximately 140,000 SNAP recipients struggling with food insecurity and access to healthy,

8   nutritious foods; and

9   WHEREAS, The Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Program increases the amount of nutritious

10   foods on the tables of our most vulnerable neighbors; now, therefore be it

11   RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not

12   otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2024-2025, the sum of five million dollars ($5,000,000)

13   to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program; and

14   the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer

15   for the payment of said sum, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of $5,000,000 to the

2   Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program.

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