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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

SNAP/FOOD STAMPS: Requests that the Dept. of Children and Family Services and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board develop a data-sharing agreement for identification of lottery winners who receive SNAP benefits

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services and the Louisiana
3	Gaming Control Board to develop a data-sharing agreement to facilitate
4	identification of lottery winners who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
5	Program benefits.
6	WHEREAS, the program formerly known as "food stamps" was renamed the
7	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2008; and
8	WHEREAS, SNAP, which is administered at the state level by the Louisiana
9	Department of Children and Family Services, is the largest of all federal food assistance
10	programs and provides support to needy households and to those making the transition from
11	welfare to work; and
12	WHEREAS, in January of 2021, nine hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred
13	fifty-one individuals received nutrition assistance benefits through Louisiana's SNAP
14	program; and
15	WHEREAS, because SNAP is a means-tested assistance program, applicants must
16	meet its income eligibility requirements in order to qualify for program benefits; and
17	WHEREAS, leaders at the Department of Children and Family Services and the
18	Louisiana Gaming Control Board have previously endeavored to develop a data-sharing
19	agreement which would facilitate the identification of lottery winners who are receiving

SNAP benefits, but have not yet been successful in perfecting and executing such an
 agreement; and
 WHEREAS, with respect to administration of public assistance programs, the term

4 "program integrity" refers to actions by the administering agency to detect and prevent fraud,
5 waste, and abuse in those programs, and thereby ensure that public dollars are expended only
6 on assistance and services for people who are eligible for benefits provided through those
7 programs; and

8 WHEREAS, the identification of lottery winners who are receiving SNAP benefits
9 would enhance SNAP program integrity functions of the Department of Children and Family
10 Services.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Children and 13 Family Services and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to develop a data-sharing 14 agreement which would facilitate checking of data at a minimum frequency, which shall be 15 at least monthly, for identification of lottery winners who receive Supplemental Nutrition 16 Assistance Program benefits. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

DE IT I OKTITEK KESOE VED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

18 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services and the chairman of the

19 Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

DIGEST

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